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You have the right to remain silent.

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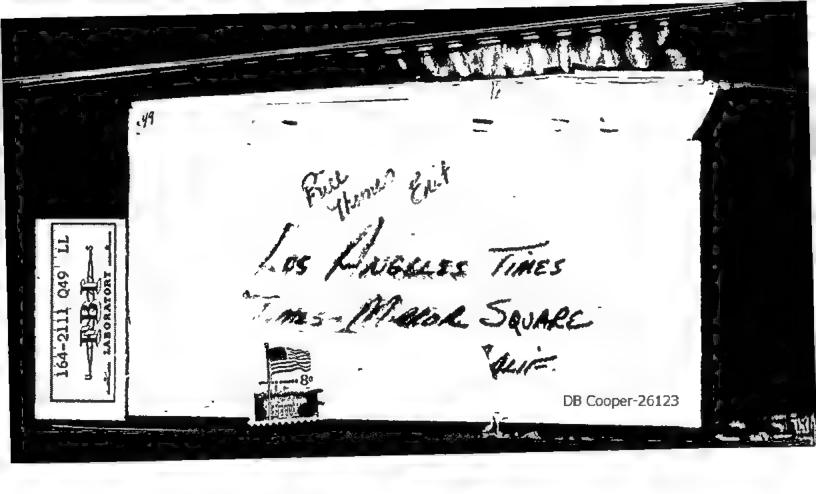
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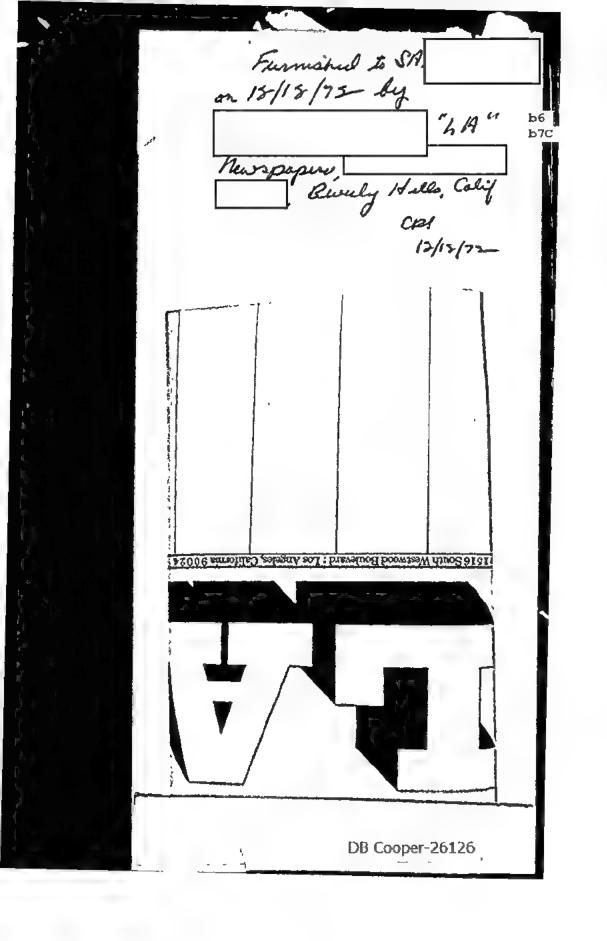


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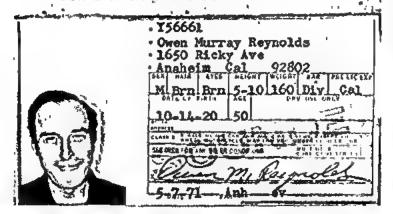
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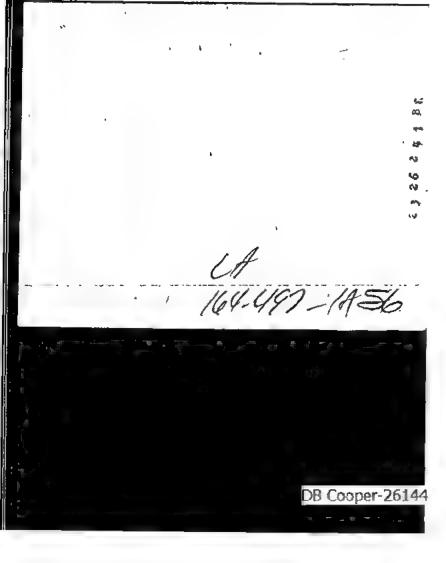
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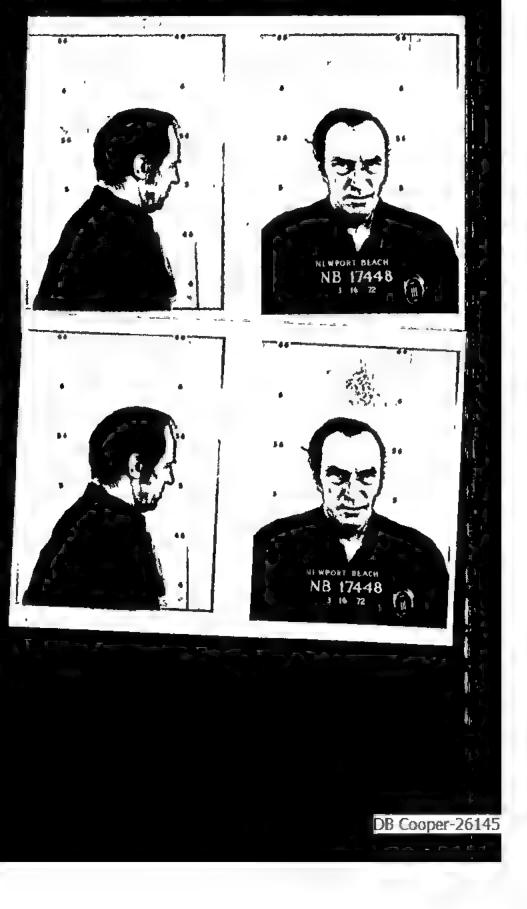
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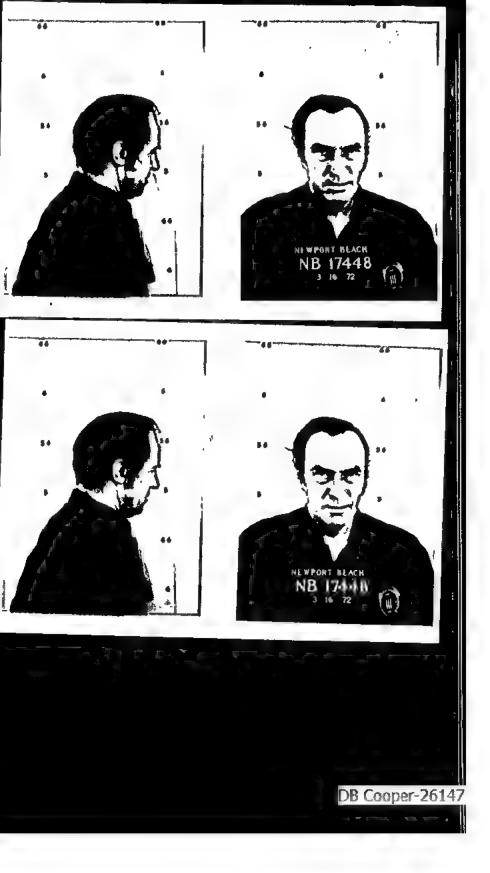


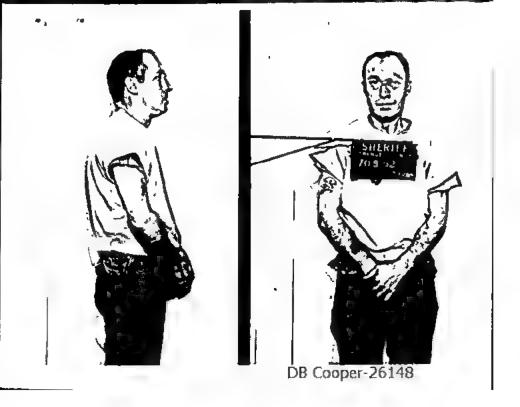




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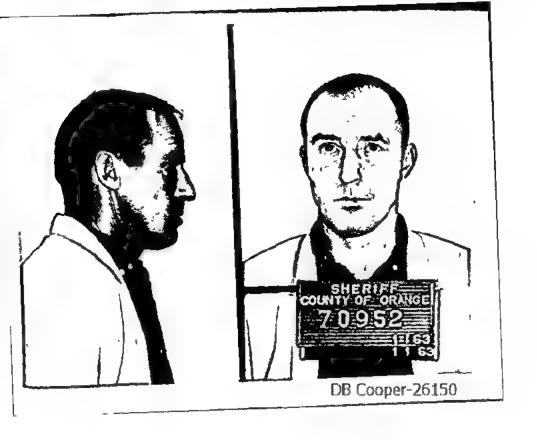


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Anything you say can be used against you in court.

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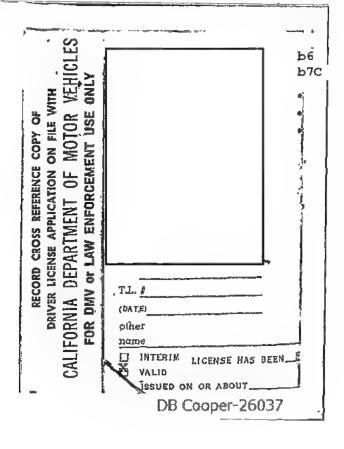
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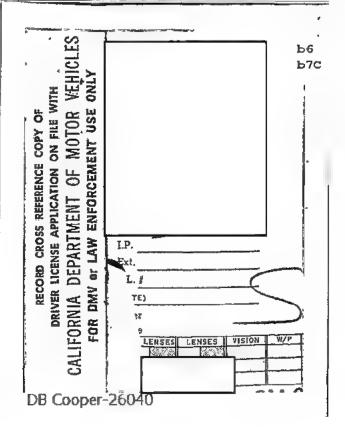
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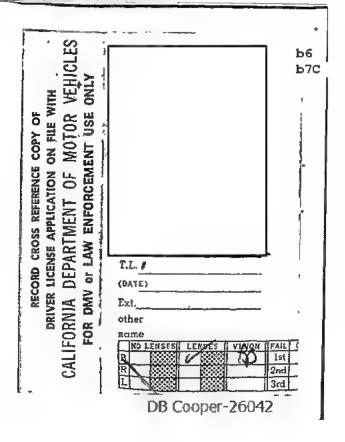
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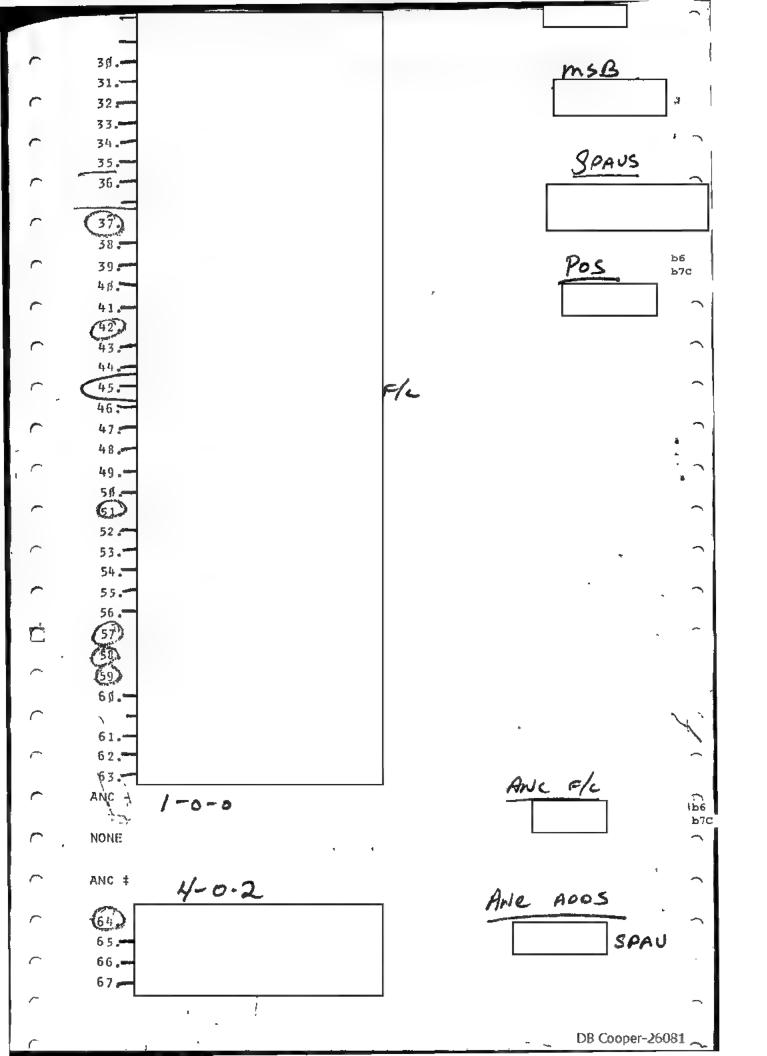
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Dear Sir,

Reference: My letter of February 24, 1972, Subject: "D. B. Cooper."

Apparently Mr. "D. B. Cooper" is still at large. Perhaps my first letter was ignored as public thunt." Granted, my interest is in a reward. My limited knowledge of this person all points to a perfect "D. B. Cooper."

I have retouched a "D. B. Cooper" composite picture to more closely resemble my suspect. A reproduction of this picture is shown below.

If you haven't made any headway in your investigation, may I suggest that you photograph various views of this man and record his voice at calm and anger moods. Then the plane passengers and crew who are available could either identify or exomerate him.

I remember the following additional information about him:
He had been in the merchant marine. He was treated at the Public
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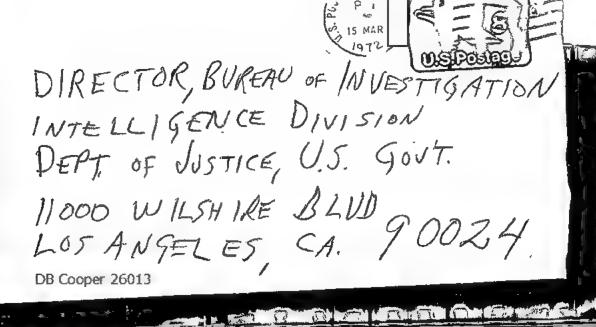
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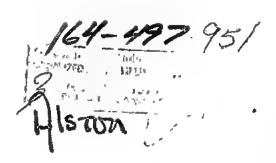
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VANIA AVENUE, S.E., WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC) MET	2,0
JAMES BRYANT COFFELT IN 1970 WHEN BOTH WERE ATTENDING ALCOHOLICS	
ANONYMOUS. DESCRIBES COFFELT AS A COUNTRY BOY WHO	
WAS "A REAL CON MAN."	
ACCORDING TO COFFELT WAS A VERY LIKEABLE PERSON	b 6 b7C
WHO WAS A GOOD STORY TELLER AND SALESMAN. COFFELT TOLD	2.0
HE, COFFELT, WAS FROM THE COLSON HILLS AREA, HAD DONE TIME	
FOR BANK ROBBERY, AND HAD BEEN PAROLED IN 1955. ACCORDING	
TO COFFELT, WHEN TRUMAN WAS UNDER SIEGE ATTHE BLAIR HOUSE,	
A GUARD-RELATIVE HAD SAVED TRUMAN'S LIFE AND THE FAMILY WAS	
REWARDED WITH COFFELT'S PAROLE. LAST SAW COFFELT ON	
DECEMBER 27 OF 1974 OR 1975, WHEN COFFELT WAS MOVING TO	
LAS VEGAS.	
ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO A CAME TO WASHINGTON	b6 b7C
AND WENT TO BREAKFAST WITH HIM. TALKED ABOUT A	b7D
COFFELT HAD WRITTEN AND THAT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS	
WAS INTERESTED IN PUBLISHING THE BOOK. WAS TRYING TO	
LOCATE COFFELT AND ASKED IF COFFELT HAD OWED ANY MONEY.	
ADVISED THAT HE HAD DONE SOME LEGAL WORK FOR COFFELT	

PAGE THREE WF 164-169 CLEAR IN A CLAIM COFFELT HAD AGAINST ROBERT TODD LINCOLN BECKWITH AND WAS STILL OWED MONEY FOR LEGAL FEES. AFTER **b6** VISIT. A PRODUCER FROM UNIVERSAL STUDIOS ь7С b7D CALLED AND ADVISED THEY NEEDED PERMISSION TO MAKE PUBLIC SOME OF COFFELT'S WORK. SAID HE WAS OFFERED \$25,000 AND A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROFITS AND WAS OFFERED THE SAME. DECLINED AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THAT SHE, WAS VERY DISTRESSED OVER A WHO HAD GONE TO A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MAN NAMEDI RELATIVE OF AND COFFELT WERE COUSINS. ADVISED THE AGENTS THAT DURING THE TIME AND JACK COFFELT, THEY HAD NOT HE KNEW ь6 ADVISED HE COULD NOT BELIEVE COFFELT COULD HAVE **b7C** BEEN INVOLVED IN A HIJACKING. "IT WAS NOT HIS STYLE," AND "I DON'T THINK HE'D KNOW HOW TO OPEN A PARACHUTE LET ALONE OPEN AN AIRPLANE'S DOOR FROM THE INSIDE." STATED COFFELT HAD ENTRUSTED NOTHING TO FOR SAFEKEEPING IN A VAULT OR ELSEWHERE.

PAGE FOUR WF 164-169 CLEAR

IN ADDITION,

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WDC, WAS RECONTACTED REGARDING A REVIEW OF COFFELT'S MEDICAL RECORDS IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN COFFELT'S WHEREABOUTS ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 24, 1971. ADVISED HIS RECORDS ON COFFELT INDICATED HE LAST TREATED HIM DURING MARCH, 1971. HE BELIEVED HIS TREATMENT OF COFFELT SPANNED 7-9 YEARS.

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ATLANTA (164-254) ROUTINE

DENVER (164-98) ROUTINE

LAS VEGAS (164-60) ROUTINE

LITTLE ROCK (164-22) ROUTINE

LOS ANGELES (164-497) ROUTINE

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NORJAK; 00: SEATTLE

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED JULY 23, 1977, ET

	REINTERVIEWED A	August 1, 1977. Unal	BLI
TO RECALL EXACTWORDS USED I	ВУ	RECALLS	
TALKING ABOUT KNOWING WHO	D.B. COOPER WAS	AND THAT THIS	
INDIVIDUAL. NAME NOT STATE	D. HAD CRIMINAL	HISTORY OR CRIMINA	L

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PAGE TWO MP 164-73 CLEAR	
FILE FOUR PAGES LONG WHICH WAS SINGLE SPACED.	
TOLD THAT HE, HAD PERMISSION OF	b6 b7
THE WEST COAST FBI, FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, AND	
GRIFFIN BELL TO MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT THE HIJACKING. HAD	
INFORMATION ON THE HIJACKING, BUT EVERYTHING HE KNEW COULD HAVE	
COME FROM NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES. DID NOT HAVE ANY	
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.	
HEARD FROM UNRECALLED SOURCE THAT HAD	ь6 ь7
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NEITHER NOR ANYONE ELSE, HAS EVER TOLD OR IMPLIED	ь6 ь7
TO THAT OR ANY FBI EMPLOYEE GAVE	υ,
ANY FILE, OR ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THE	
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CONJECTURE ON PART.	
STATED HE WORKED FOR UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, AND HAD	ь6 b7
ADDRESS, CALIFORNIA	an -
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		Date:8/17/77	
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		(Precedence)	- -
	TO :	DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)	
	FROM :	SAC, SEATTLE (164~81) (P)	
	SUBJECT:	NORJAK (A) OO: SEATTLE	
		RE: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka Jack Bryant Coffelt, Bryant Arthur James Coffelt, (TN)	bé b7
	Bureau te	Re Seattle teletype to Bureau dated 7/22/77 and - eletype to Minneapolis dated 7/23/77.	b7
	as a susp are being which cor	For the information of the Bureau and receiving the Seattle Division has positively eliminated COFFELT pect in this matter. However, the following leads a set out in an attempt to determine the extent to affidential information has been provided to and others involved in the attempt to produce a movie ag captioned crime.	bí b'
	2 Atlar 3 - Denve 3 - Los A 1 - Littl 1 - Las V 1 - San I 2 - Minne 1 - WFO	nu (164-2111) nta (164-254) er (164-98) engeles (164-497) de Rock (164-22) (Info) Vegas (164-60) (Info) Diego (164-91) (Info) depolis (164-73) (164-169) (Info) cle (164-81)	
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LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will locate and interview Northwest Orient Airlines	
and obtain from him any information he	ь6 ь7С
may have provided or any other person involved with the	D,C
production of the movie, that up unto this time had been considered confidential. It is noted that	
on Northwest at the time of the hijacking and in addition	
he has had close contact with eye witnesses in this matter and	
finally provided the information used by the FBI, for	
determining the drop zone and the crime search area conducted	
shortly after the hijacking. It should be pointed out to	
during this interview that is in no way	
connected with the FBI and that the FBI is not cooperating	
with his efforts to produce a movie concerning this matter	
In addition, it should be pointed out that none of the other	
witnesses in this matter, have cooperated withat the	
present time, and that the information that he possesses	
based on his position with Northwest Orient Airlines, is of	- 1
critical importance to the possible solution of this crime.	- 1
has in his personal possession, a copy of	b6
a voice recorder tape printout which contains all of the	b7C
communications between the skyjacker, the cockpit and the	
Northwest Control Center, in timed sequence. This should be	ı
obtained from if he will release it to be FBI and	
if not, a copy of it should be obtained.	
Note for the information of the Minneapolis Division:	i
Seattle is in possession of notes taken by of the	b6
telephone conversations between and	Ь7C
between Northwest In at least	
one conversation, it appears that recorded both sides of the conversation. The interview with indicates	
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that he provided with all of the information he has in this matter, contrary to what he indicated when interviewed	
by FBI Agents on 8/1/77.	
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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

	At Los Angeles, California	
	Will determine if could have possibly received confidential FBI information from former retired FBI Agent It is noted that according to is currently working for in this matter.	ь 6 Ь7D
	DENVER DIVISION	
	At Denver, Colorado	
	Will locate and interview and determine from her if she provided any confidential information concerning this crime to during her recent trip to Los Angeles.	b6 b7С
	Will also attempt to determine any other information may have concerning her conversations with	ь6 ь7с
-	ATLANTA DIVISION	
	At Atlanta, Georgia	
	Will recontact Attorney and determine if he has received any additional information from Las Vegas, Nevada, concerning this matter. If so, will attempt to obtain copies of this communication and forward same to Seattle.	ь6 ь7с ь7р
	ALL OFFICES COVERING LEADS ARE AGAIN REMINDED, THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING IS NOT TO BE CONFIRMED OR DENIED DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ONLY.	

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	(Priority)
:01	SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM:	ADIC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)(P)
RE:	NORJAK (A) OO: Seattle
	RE: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka Jack Bryant Coffelt, . Bryant Arthur James Coffelt (TN)
Division	Re Seattle airtel to Bureau dated 8/17/77. As Seattle is well aware. Agents of the Los Angeles on several
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LA 164-497

Unless advised to the contrar	y by Seattle,
Los Angeles is conducting no additional	investigation to
identify	It is believed
by Los Angeles that even if	
identified. chances of him cooperating	
and would be immediately advise	
feels that would then claim eve	n more strongly that
COFFELT is D. B. COOPER and that the FE	I is attempting to
stop his investigation because the Bure	au would be embarrassed
if the case was solved by him.	

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AIRTEL	AIR MAIL	
50:	SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)	
FROM:	ADIC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (P)	
Subject:	NORJAK (A) OO: Scattle	
RB:	CALIFORNIA	b6 ' b7C
on 8/22/7	Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one xcrox n anonymous letter received by the Los Angeles Office 7. Enclosed for San Francisco are two xcrox copies ove letter.	ı
	The enclosed letter, which was mailed in San Francis a. on 8/18/77. indicates that California, should be considered a n captioned matter.	co, b6 b7C
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.



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TO:	DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2	111)	
FROM:	SAC, ATLANTA (164-25	4)(RUC)	
SUBJECT:	NORJAK (A) (OO; SEATTLE)		
	(OO, DURITUE)		
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	Re Atlanta airtel to	the Director dated 5/13/77,	
	ck teletype to the Di	rector dated 7/20/77, and	
Seattle a	irtel to the Director	dated 8/17/77.	
	For information of th	e New York Division, enclosed	
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made by		as Vegas, Nevada, relating to	b7C
		VID BRYANT COFFELT (allegedly . COOPER, hijacker in instant	b7 D
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	d furnished the follo		
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Sitting next to her on this flight was one who identified himself Newsday, a prominent newspaper on Long Island, New York She stated that she had verified through library sources his identity and veracity and that he told her the subject's escapade and had just met with the subject under anther name. She stated that showed her a penciled drawing on a handkerchief that the subject had done portraying a "snoopy" parachute dropping from an aircraft holding a sack of money. She stated that told her and two fellow passengers that the subject is a former Boeing employee and he removed a panel from the ceiling of the jet (in the lavatory) and hid there and later got off the aircraft after it had landed and things had cooled down.	ь6 ь7С
LEADS:	
NEW YORK DIVISION	
will locate through Newsday newspaper on Long Island, New York and interview him concerning any information he would care to furnish regarding the identity of the individual identified as D. B. COOPER the suspect in this matter.	b6 b7C
OFFICE OF ORIGIN HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE AND POSSIBLY OTHERS ARE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WHICH WOULD UPDATE THE SCRIPT BEING	b6 b7C
PROPOSED AND WRITTEN AND MAKE IT MORE VALUABLE OR WOULD VERIFY THE INFORMATION AND, THEREFORE, MAKE IT MORE PLAUSIBLE. ALL OFFICES COVERING LEADS ARE REMINDED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING IS NOT TO BE CONFIRMED OR DENIED DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ONLY.	b70

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CLEAR	
NORJAK (A). 00: SEATTLE.	
ON MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1977,	
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, APPEARED AT FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., RESIDENT	
AGENCY AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:	b 6
THEY HAD VISITED WITH	ь7С ь7D
ON FRIDAY N AUGUST 26, 1977. AT THAT TIME	
GAVE THEM A HANDWRITTEN NOTE ADDRESSED TO	
ATTORNEY, DURHAM, NORE CAROLINA, WHICH SET FORTH FINANCIAL	
AGREEMENTS FAVORABLE TO	

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COOPERATION. WENT TO DURHAM AND SPOKE TO	ь6 ь7с
ATTORNEY, OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION	b 7D
AND FRIEND OF ATTORNEY IN ATLANTA.	
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CAROLINA. RETURNED TO AND VISITED WITH	
ON NIGHT, AUGUST 31, 1977.	
RELATED TO THEM TO FBI ABOUT	
A FEW SITUATIONS DURING THE HIJACKING. FIRST, PILOT SCOTT	
FLEW THE AIRCRAFT.	
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PAGE THREE LR 164-22 CLEAR	
AIRLINES	b6 b7
CURRENTLY RESIDES IN MONTANA.	ь7
DISPLAYED SEVERAL CASSETTE TAPE CARTRIDGES AND	
ONE REEL-REEL TAPE. 2 OF CASSETTE CARTRIDGES WERE ALLEGED	
BY TO BE ORIGINAL TAPES OF TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN	
AND TAPED	
REEL TAPE IS COPY OF CASSETTE OF TELEPHONE CALLS	b6
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BETWEEN HAVE THESE AND SEVERAL	
TAPES WHICH THEY WILL GLADLY MAKE AVAILABLE TO FBI IF THEY ARE	
ASKED, BUT THEY PREFER TO RELEASE THEM TO SA	
LAS VEGAS. ON TAPE INVOLVING ALLEGES	
REPLIED	
OREGON AND THEN CHANGED TO WASHINGTON, BUT THE OREGON RESPONSE	
WAS SPONTANEOUS.	
DISPLAYED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PIECE OF NYLON CORD,	b6 b7
APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH LONG, IN A PLASTIC BAG.	ь7
CLAIMS TO HAVE DUG UP THE CORD NEAR THE "BIG ROCK."	,
THIS WILL ALSO BE TURNED OVER TO FBI, UPON REQUEST, FOR	
LABORATORY ANALYSIS.	į

PAGE FOUR LR 164-22 CLEAR CLAIMS THAT MUSIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA (MCA), WERE HIRED MUSIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA (MCA), UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, O CHECK OUT STORY REGARDING COFFELT AND TAPED OVER RP HOURS OF INTERVIEWS AND THESE TAPES ARE IN CUSTODY OF STATED HAS OTHER TAPE RECORDED CONVERSATIONS. OF OPINION THAT IS NOT BEING TRUTHFUL BY COOPER AND THAT FBI HAS BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY MISLED AND LIED TO DEPARTED ARKANSAS VIA AUTO SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, EN ROUTE LAS VEGAS: LAS VEGAS: CONTACT OBTAIN TAPE RECORDINGS, AND NYLON CORD. LEADS TO REINTERVIEW CONTACT MCA, AND OTHERS BEING LEFT TO SEATTLE. LITTLE OCK DIVISION AT ARKANSAS: WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW	•	
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PAST CONVERSATIONS, COFFELT IS NOT SUBJECT D. B. COOPER.
STATED HE WILL REMAIN IN LOS ANGELES UNTIL NIGHT,
OCCIBER 3, 1977, WHEN HE WILL DEPART EN ROUTE
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AFTERNOON AND EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1977, AND THEY ARE SERIOUSLY
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RE JACK BRYANT COFFELT.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES, OCTOBER 3. 1977.

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AND ADVISED THAT THE ALLEGED OF JACK BRYANT COFFELT					
MAY OR MAY NOT ACTUALLY OF COFFELT BUT IN EITHER					
CASE COFFELT WAS NOT D. B. COOPER. WAS ALSO ADVISED					
THAT THERE WAS APPARENTLY NOTHING ILLEGAL					
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RESEMBLE COOPER IN SEVERAL RESPECTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
WEIGHT. SHE DESIRES TO SEE MORE RECENT PHOTO OF COFFELT THAN
ONE TAKEN AT ATLANTA IN 1948 IF SUCH IS AVAILABLE.
ON OCTOBER 4, 1977, RECONTACTED SRA, FAYETTEVILLE,
ARK., AND ADVISED
AND WOULD SEEK FBI APPROVAL BEFORE DOING SO.
STATED THAT STATED HE WAS CONTINUING WITH
"PROJECT" AND WAS GOING TO SELL HIS STORY BASED ON AN AFFIDAVIT
FROM CLAIMING THAT WHEN
OF COFFELT IN DENVER, SHE IDENTIFIED AS
COOPER. DENIES THIS, AND CONTEMPLATES LEGAL
ACTION AGAINST IF THE ALLEGED AFFIDAVIT IS USED AS BASIS
FOR STORY. PUBLICATION. AND FILM PRODUCTION.

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telephone was interviewed at his place of employment, Century 21 Real Estate Office, 1906 F Oceanside Boulevard, telephone He furnished the following information:	€, b6 b70
After the initial hijacking of an airplane which was a Portland to Seattle flight in which the man bailed out of the airplane which occurred in about 1971, a man came to attention who he felt could be of possible significance.	ь6 ь70
The man's name is (phonetic) and his middle initial is possibly It was in late 1972 or the first part of 1973, at which time was working for the Essex International Automotive Parts Division, which is a division of United Technology, the headquarters address of which is 6233 Concord Avenue, Detroit. Michigan. As of about two years ago, was for the Washington and Oregon areas. He lives in Seattle and works out of his home. He travels for that firm inasmuch as he is His address could be obtained through the office in Detroit or possibly through the warehouse in Los Angeles which is at 777 Mission Street, Los Angeles.	ь6 ь7С
joined the firm in late 1972 or the first part of 1973 and that is when met he worked with on two occasions for a period of two or three days each and he met him a third time which was at an auto parts convention in Los Angeles.	ь6 ь70
When they first met, which was in the Seattle area, had recently become He previously had been working for Hastings Company, also an automotive parts firm in the Seattle area, but he had been laid off. If mentioned why he had been laid off does not recall the reason but he does remember that said it was a surprise to him. In conversation. said that	b6 b70
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		sunglasses or not
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	have dark eye	>
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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

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Inasmuch as all investigation at Los Angeles has been completed and reported, this matter is considered RUC.

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Special Agent in Charge

SF 164-220 FJC/cad

After telling his flight, Northwest Orient Number 10, could be boarded at Gate 34 at 6:45 PM, began wondering if passenger may be possibly identical to the Subject in captioned case.	b€ b7
Description of Unsub, aka Dan Cooper, was telephonically furnished to through Sheriff's Officer SFIA. He was of the opinion that the description was close to that of the above passenger,	b€ b7
was thereafter exhibited a composite photograph of Unsub and became quite un-nerved at what he considered a close resemblance. He thereafter pointed out passenger as seated within the Passenger Waiting area.	be b7
who identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI with a show of credentials	be

SF 164-220 FJC/cad

as to his whereabouts after his Montebello employment. He was questioned concerning his source of income since his illness and stated that he had inherited money	because of his close relationship to the doctor and because of the fact he had used acupuncture to treat him and might get into trouble. He became very evasive about his activities since he became "sick" stating he was en route to Los Angeles to meet a doctor friend, one (FNU) (phonetic) an Ear-Nose and Throat doctor residing Hollywood, California. He eventually stated the doctor would meet him. After much hesitation he finally advised that he resides at San Francisco, California and had telephone number He stated, however, that he was moving soon and was cutting off the phone. He stated he intended to return to San Francisco on Friday to move. He volunteered that he did not know how to fly a plane and denied any knowledge of parachutes or military training. He is During interrogation he em point stated he was becoming irritated at the Agent's questioning	ь6 ь7С
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	After an approximately 20 minute interview, asked if he was free to board Flight 10 with other passengers and was allowed to do so.	ь6 Ь7С
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SF 164-220 FJC/cad

His hair is brown, not dark brown or black, as described by witnesses. Sheriff's Deputies and have similar views.	
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The serial number on the \$20 bill furnished	b7C
was checked through NCIC with negative	
results.	
Records checks made by the San Francisco Office	
regarding are negative save for a DMV record under	, b6
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birthdate with address as of 5/17/77, of	
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appear on a	
He failed to	
appear at Harbor Municipal Court, Newport Beach, California,	
5/17/77. The automobile he was driving at the time of	
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Plymouth registered to	
San Francisco. He has no permanent California	
driver's license issued to him according to this record.	
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Copies of this communication are being furnished to the Los Angeles and Las Vegas Divisions for information	
purposes should Seattle deem it appropriate that further	
investigation be warranted concerning	b6
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

	Date of transcription 1/20/78
Technology, 6233 Concord Averaged record concerning one reflected the following info	Personnel Manager, United because, furnished the personnel This record preation:
Name Address	Seattle. Washington
Race Sex Date of birth Height Weight Hair Eyes	White Male 5'10" 170 lbs. Brown Brown
Address during 1972	5229 Erskine Way Seattle. Washington Seattle. Washington
Mother	Seattle. Washington
	FBI - LOS ANGELES ALSTON

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Previous employment Marvel Oil Company Port Chester, New York Hastings Manufacturing Company Hastings Michigan Replacement Parts Warehouse Seattle, Washington Evergreen Warehouse Scattle. Washington United Technology advised that was let go during June of 1977, pursuant to a reduction force experience by United Technology. | also advis also advised that he had no photograph of

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

1/20/78

SAC, DETROIT (164-115)(RUC)

NORJAK (A) OO: SEATTLE (Bufile 164-2111)

Re Seattle airtel to Detroit, 42/9/77.

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Enclosed for Seattle is the original and one copy and for Los Angeles one copy of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with United Technology, Detroit, Michigan.

Subsequent leads concerning the enclosure are not being set forth as these are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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1 LA 164-497 flb/ms

SA The following investigation was conducted by	b6 b7 C
AT SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA	
System, 12141 Slauson, advised that sold this business to Chrysler Corporation in 1969. In January, 1973, the name was changed from to Automotive Pre-Check, and in January, 1976, the name was changed to Nucarprep System. stated his file contained no record of as ever being employed by that firm. He stated, however, that at the time he sold the company to Chrysler Corporation, took some of his former employee records with him at the time of the sale in 1969. He pointed out that business in Phoenix, Arizona, and should be easily located there.	ъ6 ъ7С
AT MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA	
On January 27, 1978, International Harvester Corporation, 812 West Washington Boulevard, advised that the old A & H Division of International Harvester (IH) which was formerly located in Pico Rivera, California, shut down approximately five years ago. All the records were sent to IH Corporation, 4501 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California. The records can be obtained from	ь6 ь7с
On January 30, 1978, Bank of America, Wilcox - Via Campo Branch, 875 Wilcox Avenue, advised that he has no record of an account, either past or present. checking or savings, in the name of or for any derivation of this name. He further advised after contacting the Montebello	ь6 ь7с

DB Cooper-25704

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ĪA 164-497 flb/ms Branch of Bank of America, located at 833 West Whittier Boulevard, that they had no record for **b6** b7C or any derivation of the name as a present or former savings or checking account customer. AT WHITTIER, -CALIFORNIA ь6 On January 27, 1978, [b7C was contacted at his residence, advised that he has lived at this residence for the past 11 years and does not know He stated that prior to his purchasing the house and it was his understanding for the five or six years prior to his purchasing the stated that he is not acquainted house. with but that he did receive a Christmas card addressed to a first name unknown, during 1977 Christmas season. <u>He</u> returned this card to is described as follows: the post office. White Race Male Sex Birth Data **b**6 b7C Height 140 pounds Weight Blue Eyes Hair Brown Marital Status Married The following agencies were contacted by Ь6 SCI on January 27. 1978, and no **b7C** record located identifiable with Montebello Police Department Whittier Police Department

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office

of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, and Montebello, California)

Ontario Credit Bureau (which covers the vicinity

DATE: 1/31/78

ATTN OF:

REPLY TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P) (3)

NORJAK (A) Bufile 164-2111 00: Seattle

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

RE:	

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Re Seattle airtel to Las Vegas, dated 1/20/78.

Enclosed for Seattle, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and San Francisco are appropriate copies of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Division to verify background information furnished by

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Also enclosed for Phoenix is one copy of referenced airtel and one copy of San Francisco airtel to Seattle, dated 1/12/78.

LEADS

PHOENIX

Will attempt to locate AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA: and determine if ever an employee of Santa sold

Fe Springs, California, nothing that this business to Chrysler Corporation in 1969.

LOS ANGELES

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San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will, at International Harvester Offices, 4501 South Alameda Street, contact telephone and attempt to verify employment of with International Harvester, A & H Division, Montebello, California, for the period 1963 - 1970.

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	3/2/78	
TO:	SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)	
FROM:	SAC, PHOENIX (164-470) (RUC)	
SUBJECT:	NORJAK (A) Bufile 164-2111 CO: Seattle	
	RE:	b6 b70
	Re Los Angeles letter to Seattle, 1/31/78.	
to contac by the na	On 2/22/78. contact was made at the telephone Phoenix, Arizona. ion received at that location was that the person at in regard to any past records would be a person at Commercial Carriers, 8636 Sorensen, Springs, California, telephone 714-945-1231.	ь6 ъ70
	In view of the above information, it appears that investigation remains outstanding in the Phoenix, therefore, this case is being considered RUC.	
	Angeles	
	AT SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA	
telephone va	Will attempt to locate and interview al Carriers, 8636 Sorencen, Santa Fe Springs, California, by 714-945-1231, and determine if as ever an employee of Santa Fe Springs, California, noting that ald this business to Chrysler Corporation in	b70
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DATE: 3/7/78

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NORJAK (A) Bufile 164-2111 00: Seattle

	SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)	
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	Re Los Angeles letter to Seattle dated 1/31/78. On 2/10/78, International Harvester Corporation, 4501 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that the A and H Division, Montebello, California, closed down in 1972 and he only has files for the employees who transferred to the 4501 South Alameda Street address. did not transfer to that location and his file would be located at International Harvester Regional Headquarters in Oakland, California.	ь6 ь7с
	<u>LEAD</u>	
	SAN FRANCISCO	
	AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Will at International Harvester Corporation, 7700 Edgewater Drive, Suite 150, telephone number 577-8667, attempt to verify employment of with International Harvester for the period of 1963-1970.	ь6 b7C
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- Seattle

- San Francisco (164-220)

- Los Angeles

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The following investigation was conducted by SA	
AT RENO, NEVADA	b6 b7C
(IC), Reno Police Department (RPD), on February 6, 1978, advised files of that department contained no reference identifiable with	į
Department (WCSD), Reno, on February 14, 1978, advised the files of that department contained no information identifiable with	ь6 ь7с
Department, on February 16, 1978, advised files of that department contained no information identifiable with	
A spot check of Reno, Nevada, on February 22, 1978, determined there is no such address as Reno, Nevada. with two single family dwellings numbered	b6 b7с
Washoe County, Reno, on March 20, 1978, advised she could locate no record of a being born in Reno, Nevada.	Ь6 Ь7С

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The following investigation was conducted by SA	ь6 ь70
AT RENO, NEVADA	27.
A source at the Sierra Pacific Power Company, Reno, on February 22, 1978, advised records of that company do not list electrical,	
natural qas or water service for the address	ь6
Reno, nor do the records list a	√b 70
as a subscriber to such service at any address.	

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The following investigation was conducted by SA	ь6 b7С
AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA	
On February 13, 1978, records of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Driver License Division, were searched for information concerning possible driver license number Social Security Account Number These records failed to reveal the name and a hand- search of these records failed to locate a driver license for any with a similar date of birth, SSAN, or address of Reno, Nevada. Nevada driver license was not	b6 b7С
advised that Driver License Division records are currently four months behind and that if necessary, an inquiry with each Nevada County could be made to determine if such a license was recently issued. This inquiry would be time consuming, and would take possibly several days to complete.	b6 b7C
Records of DMV, Registration Division, failed to reflect any vehicle registered to	ь6 b7С
These records did reflect the name of as having registered a 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck bearing Nevada license furnished an address of Nevada.	b6 b7С
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JULY 1973 EDITION GENERAL STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/22/78

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

OO: Seattle
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Re:		

Re LA let to SE, 1/31/78.

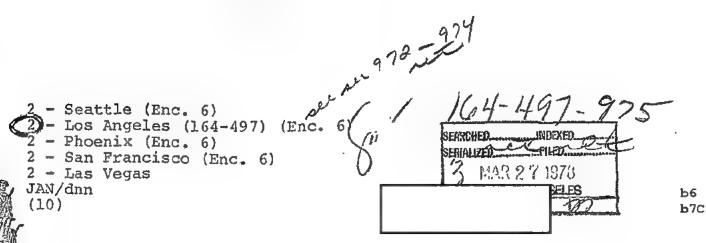
Enclosed for each receipient are two copies of two investigative inserts and one administrative insert setting forth investigation at Reno, Sparks and Carson City, Nevada.

LEAD

LAS VEGAS

AT	NEVADA.	Will id	entify and
interview	who has	1969 Ch	evrolet
pickup bearing New	ada license	to	<u>determine</u>
if identical with			born

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MAY INDECUTION
GSA PPMH (41 CPR) 101-11.4
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ro : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/29/78

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC)

Ювјест: NORJAK (A) 00: Seattle Bufile 164-2111

RE:	

Re Los Angeles letter to Seattle, dated 3/15/78.

On 3/27/78, Overseas
Transportation, Import Auto Transport, Division of
Commercial Carriers, 22440 South Alameda, Long Beach,
California, advised that he ran the computer tapes of
former employees of both personnel and payroll records
for the period 1968 through 1971, and was unable to
locate any record for as ever
being employed by Commercial Carriers, Chrysler Corporation,
or New Car Prep, all the same business under different
business names at 12141 Slauson, Santa Fe Springs,
California.

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NORJAK (A), 00: SEATTLE.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF FACTS REPRESENTS WHAT SEATTLE CONSIDERS THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS:

"A LONE WHITE MALE BOARDED NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 305 AT PORTLAND, OREGON, ON NOVEMBER 24, 1971. AT APPROXIMATELY 3:22 PM, WHILE THE FLIGHT WAS EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, HE INDICATED TO A STEWARDESS THAT HIS BRIEFCASE CONTAINED A BOMB WHICH WOULD BLOW UP THE PLANE UNLESS HIS DEMANDS WERE MET.

"THE HIJACKER DEMANDED \$200,000 AND FOUR PARACHUTES IN

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EXCHANGE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE 36 PASSENGERS ABOARD THE PLANE.

WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT SEATTLE, NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES

COMPLIED WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS. AFTER HE RECEIVED THE PARACHUTES

AND MONEY, THE HIJACKER ALLOWED ALL PASSENGERS AND TWO OF THE

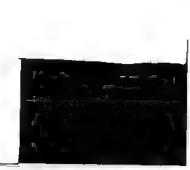
AIRLINES STEVARDESSES TO DEPLANE.

"HE THEN ORDERED THE REMAINING CREW MEMBERS INTO THE FIRST CLASS SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND INFORMED THEM HE DESIRED TO FLY TO MEXICO CITY. THE HIJACKER INSTRUCTED THAT THE PLANE PROCEED IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AND FLY AT A LOW ALTITUDE AND SLOW SPEED WHICH ENABLE THE REAR DOOR OF THE PLANE TO BE OPEN DURING THE FLIGHT.

"THE HIJACKER APPARENTLY BAILED OUT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN SEATTLE AND RENO, NEVADA, WHERE, WHEN THE PLANE LANDED, IT WAS DETERMINED THE HIJACKER, AND THE RANSOM MONEY, HAD DISAPPEARED.

"ARTIST CONCEPTION DRAWINGS OF THE HIJACKER WERE PREPARED BY THE FBI EXHIBIT SECTION. HE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

"WHITE MALE, AGE MIDDLE 40S, HEIGHT 5'10" TO 6'0", WEIGHT 170 TO 180 POUNDS, COMPLEXION OLIVE, LATIN APPEARANCE, MEDIUM SMOOTH, HAIR DARK BROWN OR BLACK, PARTED ON THE LEFT AND COMBED BACK, EYES POSSIBLY BROWN. DURING LATTER PART OF FLIGHT HE



PUT ON DARK WHAP AROUND SUNGLASSES WITH DARK RIMS, VOICE LOW, SPOKE INTELLIGENTLY, NO PARTICULAR ACCENT, POSSIBLY FROM THE MID-WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES; CHARACTERISTICS SMOKE R OF RALEIGH FILTER TIP CIGARETTES, WEARING APPAREL: BLACK OR BROWN SUIT; NARROW BLACK TIE, BLACK DRESS SUIT; BLACK RAIN-TYPE OVERCOAT OR DARK TOP COAT; DARK BRIEFCASE OR ATTACHE CASE, CARRIED A PAPER BAG 4 X 12 X 14 INCHES; BROWN SHOES. REMARKS: VERY POLITE AT ALL TIMES.

"ANYONE HAVING ANY INFORMATION OR KNOWLEDGE BELIEVED TO PERTAIN
TO THIS INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
OF THE NEAREST FBI FIELD OFFICE, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF WHICH
APPEARS ON THE FIRST PAGE OF MOST LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES."

THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AT FBIHQ ADVISED SEATTLE THAT THEY DESIRED TO BE PRECLUDED FROM RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

ANY ADDITIONAL PRESS INQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS
HIJACKING, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SEATTLE DIVISION. SEATTLE IS
ESPECIALLY DESIROUS TO LIMIT ALL SPONTANEOUS PRESS RELEASES
BY OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS OTHER THAN SEATTLE BECAUSE IT IS DURING
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DATE:

4/26/78

REPLY TO

SA JOSEPH C. ALSTON

SUBJECT:

NORJAK (A) 00: Seattle

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TO:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC)

Re: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka

On 4/24/78	
Malibu, California, telephone number	were
recontacted by the writer. During this contact with the	<u>!</u>
they furnished the writer a copy of	<u></u>
dated 3/24/77 entitled	
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Suspect in Evers **Murder Waives** Extradition to La.

By Toni Heuse Vashington Star Stall Writer

Byron de la Beckwith, the white supremacist twice tried but never convicted of the 1963 ambush killing of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, yesterday waived extradition to Louisiana on a fugitivefrom-justice charge.

According to papers filed with D.C. Superior Court, Beckwith was arrested early yesterday in a Northwest Washington home by officers of the D.C. Police Fugitive Squad. They acted on a Feb. 28 bench warrant issued by a New Orleans judge after Beckwith failed to surrender to begin a fiveyear sentence for transporting explosives over a state highway,

He had been free on a \$10,000 bond pending ap-eal in the case, and his Washington attorney said Beckwith came here because he believed he was

permitted to travel.

BEFORE SUPERIOR Court Judge William P. Stewart Jr., Beckwith waived an extradition hearing and agreed to return to Louisiana.

Beckwith was arrested about 2:30 a.m. yester-day at a private home in the 2200 block of Observatory Place NW, where he had been a houseguest

for less than a week.

While police refused to reveal how they learned Beckwith was in Washington, sources close to the investigation said the first law enforcement agency to have contact with Beckwith was the U.S. Secret Service, the agency charged with protecting the President. The Secret Service in tarn called D.C. police.

A woman who identified herself as his hostess, but refused to give her name, said Beckwith had come to Washington to try to convince government officials to purchase a perpetual oil filter he was

According to court papers, Beckwith, a former fortilizer salesman, has been the Mississippi representative of the Southern Resources Co. of Little Rock, Ark., for the past seven months. The woman said Beckwith was aspired to come to Washington by President Carter's energy speech last week be-bause he believed the oil filter would save fuel.

WHILE THE Secret Service had no comment on



BYRON de la BECKWITH White Supremocist

Beckwith of his arrest, sources suggested someone he contacted on business may have telephoned the Secret Service, Beckwith's hostess said Secret Secret Service, necessity a mosess and Secret Service agents stopped Beckwith and talked with him in front of her home Wednesday afternoon. It. Raymond Comstock of the New Orleans Police Department, said that department's first notion Beckwith was in Washington came from a Secret

Service inquiry.

In May 1975, a New Orleans jury convicted Beckwith of bringing a live homb into Louisiana from his native Mississippi after he was found not.

guity on similar federal charges.

The prosecution at the time alleged Beckwith, planned to plant the bomb, composed of seven-pounds of dynamite, at the home of a New Orleans: Jewish community leader.

Beckwith was subsequently freed on boad while his case was appealed to the Louisiana Supreme Court and apparently returned to Mississippi, In-February, the state supreme court upheld the conviction and, when Beckwith failed to surrender, a bench warrant was issued.

Beckwith's two trials for the Evers murde

ended in mistrials.

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то ;	SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) DATE: 5/25/78	
FROM :	SA	ь6 ь70
subject:	NORJAK	
	At 1:20 p.m. on 5/23/78, SAC JACK REID, Seattle Division, telephonically advised that MIKE WALLACE was contemplating presenting information on TV reflecting that the Bureau was covering up information regarding the identity of D. B. COOPER. The program would infer that the Bureau had eliminated BRYANT COFFELT because he was a close friend of HOOVER and was, in some way, involved in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. REID advised that, by Los Angeles airtel dated 1/24/77, Los Angeles had provided Seattle with two photographs of COFFELT, one in which he was wearing a white checkered shirt and glasses, and the second was a head on shot wherein COFFELT was wearing a sport shirt and smoking a cigarette.	
	REID continued that of BRYANT COFFELT, had been located in Honolulu, Hawaii, and exhibited photographs furnished to Seattle by referenced Los Angeles airtel and that she had stated that the indivi- dual in the photographs was not identical to BRYANT COFFELT.	b6 b70
	SAC REID requested that the following leads be handled by Los Angeles expeditiously and results be provided to Seattle by telephone or teletype.	
	1. Locate of BRYANT COFFELT, Gardena, California, and exhibit photographs mentioned above and determine if identical to COFFELT.	b6 b70
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2. Interview to determine if he recalls where and COFFELT were on Thanksgiving 1971, noting that has stated that they were somewhere back East.	b6 b7C
3. Make inquiry of regarding any papers he might have in his possession showing possible location of BRYANT and in November 1971.	
4. Determine if has any photographs of COFFELT.	ь6 ъ7С

5. Advise Seattle of identity of person who made above photographs available to the FBI.

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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.	
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AT ONE TIME AT A HOSPITAL IN THE ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AREA	b 6
BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OR LOCATION. SHE ALSO	b7C
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PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED). SHE STATED ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION,	
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ALSO MENTIONED THAT HAS NUMEROUS BOXES	ь6 ь7с
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RELUCTANT TO GO THROUGH THIS MATERIAL WITHOUT PERMISSION.	

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH COFFELT, HE NEVER INDICATED	b7C

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THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN ANY TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

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5/26/78

TO:

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka

Jack Bryant Coffelt

Bryant Arthur James Coffelt (TN)

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Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 5/25/78.

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Enclosed for Seattle are three photographs of JACK COFFELT believed taken in 1962 furnished by

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California.



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DATE: 6/7/78

ATTN OF: REAC, SAN DIEGO (164-91) (P)

SUBJECT:

NORJAK

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)

Re Las Vegas letter to San Diego dated 5/30/78; Seattle letter to Las Vegas dated 1/20/78, and San Francisco letter to Seattle dated 1/12/78.

letter to Seattle dated 1/12/78.	
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Review of San Diego telephone directory determined above listed number in the Los Angeles, Riverside, California, area.	
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DATE: 6/20/78

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

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155 pound:	s, dark brown hair, ha	zel eyes, medium complexion.	
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		N had many relatives. In the Los Angeles, California,	
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 8/2/78 SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P) HORJAK (A) (00: Seattle) Re suspect HOWARD ROGER MASTERSON. Re Los Angeles airtel to Portland dated 7/25/78. For information of Los Angeles and Seattle, on 7/25/78, **b6** Washington County b7C Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro, Oregon, furnished the following information: HOWARD ROGER MASTERSON, white male, DOB 10/6/46, was found dead of a drug overdose in Washington County on 5/30/72. The Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted the necessary investigation which included the positive identification of MASTERSON by several immediate relatives. Investigation was conducted under their case number 72-3108. The investigation established, in addition to the positive identity of MASTERSON, the fact that the death was due to voluntary ingestion of drugs. **b6** continued that recently several relatives ь7С of MASTERSON, more distant than the ones who identified him at the time of his death, have raised the question as to whether MASTERSON may still be alive, and as a result it has been suggested that the buried body be exhumed for stated his office is completely re-identification. [satisfied with the validity of the identification and does not intend to go any further with the idea. He stated the people that raised the doubts alleged that they felt there was a possibility that MASTERSON was still alive and living in Mexico using the last name COOPER. He said that these individuals inferred that possibly MASTERSON might have been identical with UNSUB in captioned case. bб pointed out he is personally satisfied **b7C** 2 - Seattle Q - Los Angeles (164-497) SEARCHED 2 - Portland SEMMINE - AUG 7 1978 RPH:pjm FBI-LOS ANCELES (5)DB Cooper-25871

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

named Speaker of the South Dakota House nearly 40 years ago—but he had to wait until this week to get the job. The new Speaker is George Speaker Mickelson. His father was House Speaker 38 years ago when he was born and the legislators demanded by resolution that the boy be named for his father's job.

-A heavy plastic placard-an emergency warning notice of the type posted next to the rear exit of 727'sfound by a hunter could be a link to the unsolved 1971 "D.B. Cooper" sky-jacking, authorities said. The mysterjous, never-identified Cooper is beheved to have parachuted from the Northwest Airlines jet near Wood-land, Wash., with \$200,000 in \$20 bills he had extorted from the airline. Cooper and the 21 pounds of money have never been found. Authorities first noticed two days after Cooper

jumped that the placard was missing. It was found about "six flying minutes" from where Cooper probably left the plane in the night of Nov. 2.

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NORJAK (A), 00: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW, SUB NO. 933.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW
HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

RACKSTRAW IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE IN CUSTODY OF LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, WILL CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MAJOR CASE FINGERPRINTS OF RACKSTRAW, INCLUDING PALM PRINTS, AND FORWARD SAME IMMEDIATELY TO FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR COMPARISON WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS DEVELOPED IN THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT IN THIS MATTER.

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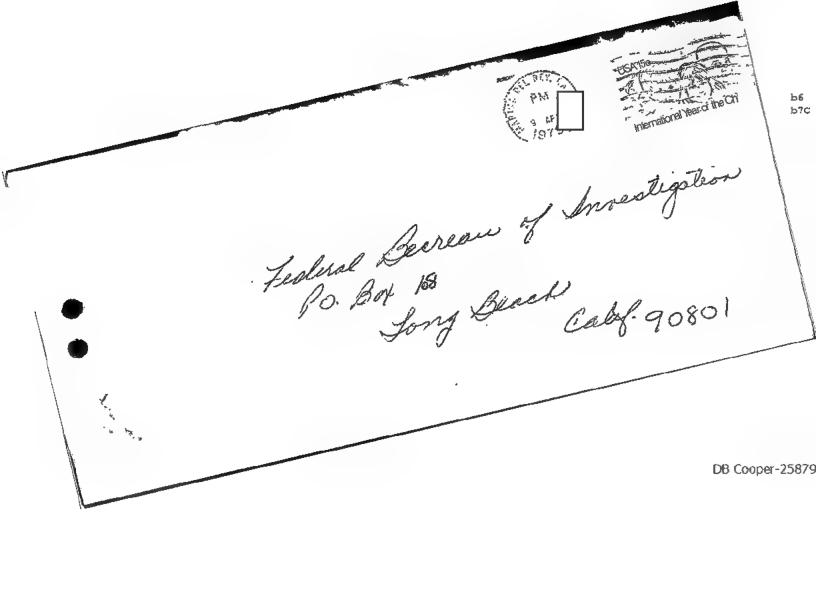
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Dear Six,

M. mame is [and my grade class is doing a project on unsolved crimes. I have drosen The D.B. Cooper case. The man who jumped out of an aiyplane with thousands of dollars and was never heard of or seen again. I wondered if you could help me with the general information in the case ofter starting on this project I think I would like to become on F. B.I. agent. any help on ideas will be appreciated. I am sending you a self addressed envelope se you can save time & help me. I know you are busy IV will understand if you can't

Sinc erely

P.S. Project is due 4-25-7



11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90024 April 16, 1979

Torrance, California Dear Enclosed you will find some newspaper clippings setting forth information concerning the D. B. Cooper case. Also enclosed you will find a brochure regarding career opportunities and your unsealed envelope. This matter is still under investigation and therefore, the FBI is not in a position to furnish any information. I hope the enclosed material will be of value for your report. Very truly yours, HERBERT D. CLOUGH, JR. Special Agent in Charge Special Agent Enclosures

1 - Addressee

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ARHTUR G. BARGER. SPCIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FBI FOR OREGON. HAS ANNOUNCED A DEVELOPMENT IN A CRIME WHICH BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24. 1971. AT PORTLAND INTER-NATIONAL AIRPORT. PORTLAND. OREGON. AND HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS THE D. B. COOPER HIJACKING CASE.

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PAGE TWO PD 164-41 UNCLAS THE NAME DAN COOPER BOUGHT A ONE-WAY TICKET ON NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305 FROM PORTLAND. OREGON. TO SEATTLE. WASHINGTON. UPON DEPARTING PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COOPER NOTIFIED A STEWARDESS THAT HE WAS HIJACKING THE AIRCRAFT AND DISPLAYED TO HER WHAT HE SAID WAS A BOMB IN HIS BRIEFCASE. THE FLIGHT PROCEEDED TO SEATTLE. WHERE AFTER MAINTAINING A HOLDING PATTERN FOR SEVERAL HOURS. IT WAS PERMITTED TO LAND AND REFUEL. AFTER \$200.000 AND FOUR PARACHUTES DEMANDED BY THE HIJACKER WERE BROUGHT ON BOARD. HE RELEASED ALL OF THE PASSENGERS AND ALL BUT FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CREW. THE FLIGHT THEN TOOK OFF AND PROCEEDED SOUTH THROUGH WASHINGTON TOWARD RENO. NEVADA. THE HIJACKER INSTRUCTED THAT THE FLAPS AND GEAR REMAIN LOWERED AND THE REAR STAIR DOOR OPEN. AS THE AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER LACENTER, WASHINGTON, CABIN PRESSURE FLUCTUATION WAS OBSERVED. WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO INDICAE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRCRAFT THROUGH THE REAR STAIRWELL DOOR. SINCE THAT TIME NO TRACE OF THE HIJACKER, THE PARACHUTES, OR THE MONEY HAS BEEN FOUND UNTIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY

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SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI FROM OREGON AND WASHINGTON HAVE SECURED THE AREA AND COMMENCED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH.

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000 paid to airline hijacker "D.B. that Cooper died in the hijacking Cooper," have been found on a attempt. Columbia River beach near here, Cooper's extortion effort was the the FBI announced yesterday. It'rst time a jet had been hijacked

iwere picnicking on what is known since the Cooper escapade.
as Tena's Bar last Sunday when Baker said the FBI could not be their older son discovered the certain how much money was in

Eight-year-old Brian Ingram was to "several thousand dollars."
helping his father gather firewood. The money has been sent to the and had scooped out sand for a FBI laboratory in Washington, Ingram said. Wait a minute, bills, which could lead to the

Recalling his find yesterday, "That would be Brian said, "I seen that money, I break he said.". thought, wow." -

But his parents remained caim, the son recalled. They thought it was counterfeit.

The fattered and worn bills young Ingram found were the first to be recovered by law entorce ment agencies since Nov. 24, 1971, when a passenger hijacked a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727.

The man, identified on the flight list as Dan Cooper, parachuted out of the airliner somewhere over southwestern Washington.

The serial numbers on the bills discovered by young ingram matched those on the money given Cooper by the FBI in 1971.

ANCOUVER, Wash. William M. Baker, assistant agent Twelve packets of \$20 in charge of the Portland TBI bills, used eight years office, said discovery of the money ago as part of the \$200, lends credence to the FBI theory

Haroid D. Ingram, 27, his wife, for ransom. A number of hijack-Patricia, 26, and their two sons, ings for cash have been carried out

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fire. As his father was about to D.C., and Baker hopes the lab will drop an armioad of wood, young be able to pick fingerprints off the

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The ingrams had gone for an after-noon pichic on a 25-yard stretch of beach three miles west of Vancouver on the Columbia River, the state line between Washington and Oregon. The beach, which is popular with fishermen, is owned by a dairy and truck farming company.

. Ingram, a painter, said in a news conference yesterday that the bills bound in three packets and wrapped in worn rubberbands were about six inches beneath the surface. Despite the find, the family continued with its picnic.

"It didn't look like I could spend it." the older Ingram said.

- The family, which moved last year from Oklahoma to Vancouver, a town of about 40,000 across the Columbia from Portland, wasn't aware of the D.B. Cooper legend. Baker said the family contacted the FBI Monday afternoon only after learning about the hijacking from friends, who suggested the money might have been part of the missing

After the Ingrams reported their discovery, the FBI immediately cordoned off a section of beach behind the fruck and dairy farm operated by the New Columbia Gardens Co.

Fifteen to 20 FBI agents dressed in blue jeans and using shovels and rakes they had brought from their homes sifted through sand and driftwood along a 150 yard stretch around where the ingrams found the cash.

Working from 10 a.m. until dusk vesterday, they found a few bits of bills buried from a half-foot to 3 feet beneath the surface near where the campfire had been. The FBI expected to use a backhoe today to dig even deeper.

Baker said one of the first chores for the agency will be to attempt to find how the money got to the beach. He said the FBI believes the money was washed up on the shortline at a time when the Columbia was running high.

He said experts in hydrology and topography would be consulted to determine how the money got to the beach. The FBI has meticulously reconstructed flight conditions that existed at the time Cooper is believed to have jumped.

"The FBI believes Cooper jumped out over the small Washington town of La Center, about 20 miles north of Vancouver. In nearby Ariel, Wash., a tiny town that has adopted Cooper as a folk hero, city fathers hold "Cooper Caper Days" each year on the

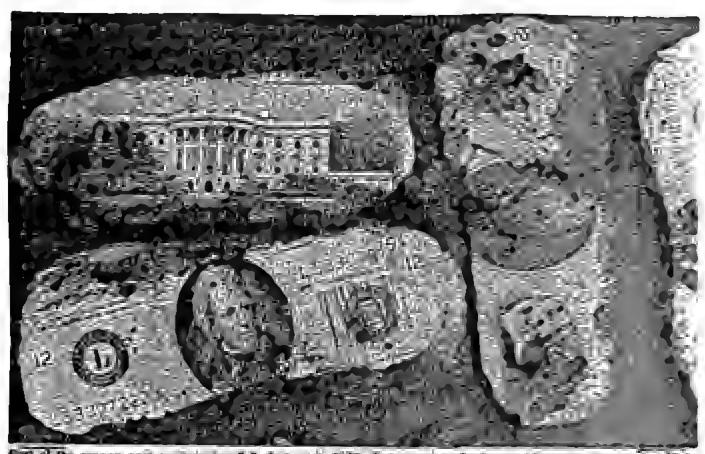
an<u>iniversary</u> of his jump. -Despite extensive searches employ-ing the FBI, sheriff's departments from two counties in southwest Washington and the Washington National Guard, no trace of Cooper has been found. "He's probably not alive today," said Dorwyn Schreuder, FBI agent supervising the continuing beach search. "If he were, I think he'd be with his money." Ralph Himmelsbach, FBI agent leading the Cooper investigation for the past eight years, said the conditions under which Cooper parachuted underscored the fact that he died in the jump.

Himmeisbach said the FBI believes Cooper was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped at night into sub-freezing temperatures and winds of up to 200 miles an hour. Even if Cooper should somehow have survived and is watching recent devel-opments on television, he still isn't clear of the law. A federal grand jury in 1977 handed down an indictment against Cooper charging him with air piracy.

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stery remains in the D.B. Cooper

ORTLAND, Ore. — The mystery surrounding D.B. Cooper's skyjacking and disappearance eight years ago has been rekindled by a Vancouver, Wash., family's inad-vertent discovery of worn packets of \$20 bills on the Columbia River shoreline - part of Cooper's \$200,-000 ransom.

The saga which changed the nature of airline piracy began on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, when Cooper boarded Northwest Air-lines flight 305 for a flight from Portland to Seattle. Once aboard, he handed a crew member a note, saying he was carrying a bomb in a satchel and wanted \$200,000 in unmarked \$20 bills.

When the jetliner landed at the Seattle-Tacoma international Airport that evening, authorities had arranged the cash and had also obtained four parachutes, as instructed by Cooper.

Cooper then allowed the flight's 36 passengers and all crew members but two pilots and one stewardess to disembark. He then ordered the aircraft to take off for Reno, Nev.

At one point in that flight, the crew felt a fluctuation in cabin pressure, which suggested the jetliner's rear cabin door had opened

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The FBI believes it is at that point over La Center, Wash., about 25 miles Coffelt's story of the hijacking, which he north of Portland — that Cooper told over a period of months in 1974 to strapped on the bag of money and the an old friend who helped him search for satchel containing the supposed bomb, the lost money. Coffeit died of apparent and leaped out.

He tumbled into the heart of a Pacific Northwest storm, with tempera-further weakening Coffelt's claim of gures at the 10,000-foot altitude at the being Cooper is his assertion that he minus end of the thermometer. Authori landed just east of Mt. Hood, which is lies estimated Cooper experienced about 25 miles south of the Columbia headwind of the Columbia headwind of up to 200 miles per hour. River.

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the case, concluded shortly after could have done that and been intact." Cooper's jump that the daring man was killed in the attempt.

Until the Harold Dwayne Ingram It actually defies belief." amily made its discovery of a dozen believe that Cooper is dead. packets of tattered \$20 bills, those efforts had failed

Cooper's daring and unorthodox air the recently released fictional book hijacking — which came to be known as Free Fall," dealing with the Cooper a "skyjacking" — provoked other efforts adventure, said he disagrees with the to extort money from commercial air FBI that finding the money tends to lines. That increase in airline piracysupport the probability that D.B. Cooper truggered the installation of beeled-updid not survive the jump. security systems at the nation's airports "It doesn't rule out that Cooper got to spot potential hijackers" wav." said Reed.

Over the years, many people refused to believe that Cooper had died in his effort, and a few even claimed to be the mysterious skyjacker.

In one case Byron "Jack" Coffelt, in ex-convict who claimed to be the invsterious hijacker, told a friend that he landed after parachuting from the Sept. 30 irliner.

When the pilots attempted to talk to the However, the site of the discovery of hijacker by intercom, they got no the D.B. Cooper ransom money is some 70 miles northwest of the area where Coffelt said he touched down.

natural causes in Hawaii in 1973.

Further weakening Coffelt's claim of

Experts agree that even if the money ht a speed of 50-70 miles per hour, entered the river at that point, it would authorities calculated. The FBI conducted numerous recondown the wide waterway some 60 miles struction flights over southwest. Wash to where it was found on the north bank

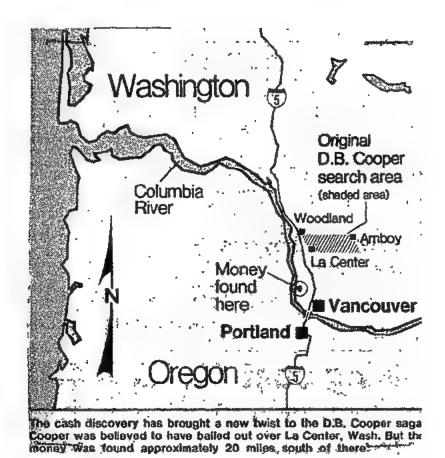
computer calculations to help deter. The money would have had to float online where Cooper might have landed through locks, reservoirs, spillways and proves in its on the Columbia said a Raiph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent geologist with the U.S. Army Corps of who has invested the past eight years on Engineers in Portland. "I don't think it

Robert Wagman, a producer for "60 Exhaustive searches by the Washing. Minutes" who has spent more than a ton National Guard and the FBI year investigating Coffelt's claim to the produced only one clue—a placard D.B. Cooper legend, said, "Based on from the jetliner's rear door. From the jettiner's rear door.

Hundreds of treasure hunters have and engineers who know the river, it browled southwest Washington envi doesn't seem possible that the money rons hoping to find the missing cash or found) from where Coffelt said he lost it.

And some people still refuse to

Journalist J.D. Reed, the author of



Found by Family on Outing Part of 'D. B. Cooper'.

WASHINGTON—A young Van—Law enforcement authorises long couver, Wash., family on an outing have believed that Cooper died in his along the Columbia River last Sunday plunge from the Boeing 727 because suddenly stumbled across 12 stacks of he was wearing only a business suit moldering money—part of the \$200. smoldering money—part of the \$200, and street shoes when he jumped into 000 that the notorious airline hijacker a howling wind and freezing rain in "D. B. Cooper" made off with more an unreliable parachute. It has been than eight years ago, the FBI said estimated that he hit the ground at a

Tuesday.

With the bills now having been The saga began when "Cooper" traced definitely to the Cooper loot, boarded the jetliner in Portland for an 30 agents from the Portland and evening flight to Seattle. Once air-Seattle FBI offices have begun an extiporne, he demanded that the airline tensive search of the area for more of have \$200,000 in \$20 bills and three the money—and possibly for some parachutes on hand when the plane sign of Cooper or, more likely, his re-landed in Seattle. He threatened to

The money—"several thousand dollars," according to one official—was found in Washington about five miles northwest of the Interstate 5 news conference in Portland.

Discovery of the money by Harold Dwayne Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their sons, 8 and 3, marked the latest twist in the bizarre saga of the now-legendary Cooper, who parachuted from a Northwest Airlines jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, never to be seen or heard from again. composing rubber bands, the FBI jumped, using the least reliable para-said. But there was "no trace of D. B. chute. Cooper," according to the agency.

Shortly after the hijacking, a cutt 17 to 20 miles from the jump site by sprang up around D. B. Cooper, a the Ingrams' older son, Brian. The name that never has been traced to bills were partly buried in sand that

A private club was named in his build a fire. honor, D. B. Cooper T-shirts were manufactured, bumper stickers were fire Daddy." the father recalled his run off and anniversary parties were son as saying.

Baker said in Portland that whether Cooper got away with the pert of the money was an open question.

blow up the plane if his demands were not met.

The airline complied, providing the bridge that spans the Columbia and parachutes and money. However, the separates Washington from Oregon, FBI said Tuesday that the serial FBI agent William M. Baker told a numbers of the bills had been record-

Cooper permitted the airliner's 36 passengers to leave the plane in Seattle. He then ordered the crew to take the plane to Reno and told the pilot to fly at a relatively low altitude and to open the plane's rear stairway.

Crew members last heard his voice on the plane's intercom when they were over the Washington-Oregon When found by the Ingrams, the were over the Washington-Oregon stacks of \$20 bills were bound by de-border. They said they believe he

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The decomposed money was found 17 to 20 miles from the jump site by the Ingrams were scooping out to

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"It wasn't wood," Ingram said. "He (Brian) thought he had struck it rich."

Ingram said he assumed the bills might be part of the Cooper money. He turned them over to the FBI, adding with a smile that they were so decomposed, "I couldn't have spent it."

In leafing through the rotting bills, Baker said, the FBI made about "nine or 10 immediate hits"—matches with the numbers of the missing money. The bills were flown to Washington for further analysis and tests by the FBI laboratory.

FBI laboratory.

An FBI official said the packaging and number sequence of the recovered bills indicated they had not been separated and "are in much the same order as when they were given to the hijacker."

The initial search, confined to an area several hundred yards long and 40 yards wide, turned up "fragments of more money"—nothing more, Baker said. He said the money appeared to have washed up on the bank.

Once that search is completed, probably by this afternoon, a scaled-flown number of agents will move upstream, continuing the hunt.

Law enforcement officials in the Pacific Northwest—have theorized that Cooper's body is at the bottom of Lake Merwin, 30 miles north of Portland, or that his bones are so entangled in giant wild blackberry bushes that they will never be found.

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent who has worked on the hijacking since it took plate, said the money probably had been washed downstream from a Columbia tributary in Washington. But he said he doubted that it came from the Lewis River, the tailbutary that flows out of Lake Merwin.





rying to withdraw cash from the Columbia's banks

Columbia River yesterday in an On Tuesday, agents digging as deep attempt to piece together a solutas three feet came up with more tion to the 1971 D.B. Cooper bits and pieces of \$20 bills. The site skyjacking.

Additional fragments of \$20 bills were discovered yesterday and an FBI spokesman said the portion of the ransom unearthed so far may have been buried in a Columbia River 1974 dredging operation.

The search followed a disclosure Tuesday that several thousand dollars from the \$200,000 ransom paid to the legendary hijacker was found last weekend by a Vancouver, Wash., family during a week-end picnic.

The ransom was paid Nov. 24, 1971, to a man who identified himself as Dan Cooper when he hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines flight en route from Portland to Seattle.

Cooper released the 36 passengers and all but three of the crew when the plane arrived in Seattle. There he demanded \$200,000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes.

The plane flew on to Reno, but Cooper apparently stuffed the 21 pounds of money into a parachute bag, tied it to his waist and jumped from the plane as it flew over southwestern Washington.

hijacking in U.S. history.

On Monday FBI agents identified we are trying now to determine serial numbers from the tattered if the bills were sucked in by the bills, and began searching for dredge at that time," he added. additional clues along the river williams said Cooper's body bank, at a site about five miles would have jammed the dredging northwest of Vancouver and just equipment, and hence would have north of Portland.

ANCOUVER, Wash. Agaping pit, about 20 yards from FBI agents continued to the water's edge, showed the spot sift through silt and sand where Brian Ingram found the slong the banks of the three packages of bills on Sunday. has been underwater at varioustimes in the past as the river level

fluctuated. Any would-be treasure seekers were barred from the area by a sheriff's deputy and a locked gate. The only spectators were three local fishermen, a crowd of reporters and a herd of dairy cattle that munched away in a pen about a hundred yards from the digging.

Searchers used a backhoe to dig a three-foot trench at the site of Sunday's discovery; and a Portland State University geologist was called in to examine sand layers and determine how deep the excavation should be.

Leonard Palmer, an associate professor at PSU, said the trench showed coarse sand varying from about six inches deep at the water's edge to two feet and deeper farther toward shore.

Officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told the FBI the coarse sand was deposited on the north bank in August 1974, when a 40-foot ship channel was credged om the plane as it flew over to provide greater access to the puthwestern Washington.

It is the only unsolved plane | FBI agent Bill Williams said yester-

borth of Portland.

Some of the bills were wads as been discovered, had he died with the ransom still tied to his waist. However they (the bills) get Tom Nicodemus, FBI agent in there, they must have been deposcharge of the search, said of the the within a couple of years after subsequent discoveries.

Apparently they were the remains of other bills that had led the investigation since 1971.

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Himmelsbach said the money was found Sunday in one location, secured by rubber bands in the same way the original bills were given to Cooper.

"Rubber bands deteriorate rapidly and could not have held the money together long," he said.

A container or some The site, about five other wrapper must have miles northwest of Vanheld the money together or the bills would not have been found side by side after eight years, he said. But agents have no trace of such a container, or even the parachute bag Cooper was believed to have used.

Williams said the FBI has not determined whether the money could have survived the force of the dredging equip-ment if it had been sucked from the bed of the river.

He also said hydrolo-gists were being consulted about how the miney might have half-mile-wide Columbia. reached the site, about 20 miles south of where Cooper was believed to make jumped. Williams said the FBI was considerable along a stream bed. The search was broken the consequence of the research was broken to the consequence of the search was broken to the consequence of the search was broken to the consequence of the search was broken to the consequence of the cons money may even have off a nightfall yesterday, drifted upstream, guided by the force of ocean tides during periods of The search is to continue low water in the Column today.

"It does probably raise as many questions as answers — perhaps more," said agent Paul Hudson, coordinator of the dig-ging efforts. In my own mind, I can rule out the possibility that it was bur-

couver, Wash., is several miles downstream from the flight path of the airliner on its way to Reno from Seattle.

Using cabin-pressure data from the 727's flight recorder, the FBI plotted a trapezoid-shaped area in which Cooper was likely to have landed.

"This, of course, is out-side of that trapezoid" agent Tom Nicodemus said.

Hudson said the money and the hijacker could have come down in a number of drainages, all of which end up in the



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To complicate matters, agents with the money and a parachute. found so far on a sandy beach of the bracking in the nation.
Columbia River may have come from material dredged from the center of the river in 1974.

"We don't know what that means," FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach said. We have the Army Corps of Engineers and geologists out there. An agent who was out there said it looks like they'll be able to help us out."

The first money from Cooper's haul In the 1971 lijacking was found Sunday on the north shore of the Colum-Da 5 miles northwest of Vancouver, asil by children on a family out-rie. It totaled about \$3,000 and the derial numbers matched those on the pills given to Cooper.

Himmelsbach said a number of additional fragments were dug up by agents Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, some of them from as deep as 3 feet. One agent at the site described a formless fist-size clump as "a wadded-up bunch of \$20 bills."

Himmelsbach said the geologists and corps scientists probably would be able to determine whether the material on the shore in which the money was found had come from the middle of the river and had been washed downstream from the Washougal River or carried upstream by dredges from the mouth of the Lewis River and dumped at the site

Ontil such a determination is made, agents planned no widespread search of wooded areas connected to the river by streams.

A man who signed in as Dan Cooper left Portland, Ore., on Thanksgiving eve in 1971 aboard a Northwest Airlines jet. Once the flight was in the eared to be a bomb and demanded 200,000 and parachutes.

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FBI Expects to Suspend Search

Along River for Hijacking Loot
VANCOUVER, Wash We The search along a Columbia
River beach for more money from the "D. B. Cooper" hijacking eight, years ago probably will be suspended this
morning, FBI officials said Thursday night.
Meanwhile, the FBI said a geologist had concluded that

several thousand dollars found Sunday by an 8-year-old boy had been deposited on the beach after 1974.

FBI agents digging Thursday found no more of the \$200,000 that Cooper took with him when he bailed out of

the plane on Thanksgiving eve in 1971.

Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle
FBI office, said geologist Leonard Palmer had concluded that dredging in 1974 had not deposited the money on the deach because the bills were found above the clay placed on the banks by the dredge.

The FBI speculated that the bills could have washed into the Columbia from a tributary.

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old case, agents said depend on for nine years. tourists digging around the 300yard stretch of river shoreline

where the money was found.
We're keepin' em out, said Richard Fazio, part owner of the Fazio Brothers Farm where the BBI agents were digging. "Maybe later, when things root down, we'll start letting people in."
I'm sure there will be plenty of

people in here after we leave, regardless of the cold," said FBI agent Kenneth Moore, who supervised the dig.

Meanwhile, a Portland State University geologist who examined the moldy money found Sunday said the bills probably spent eight years

in the river. Leonard Palmer reached his con-Leonard Paimer reached his con-clusion after examining the river hank earlier in the week, throwing into question one FBI theory; that the cash had been deposited on the thore during a U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers channel dredging operaon in 1974.

The money probably hit the water not long after the marking, the Palmer speculated, then took nine VANCOUVER, Wash. — D.B. years to move downstream. The copper remains at large. — dead or oval shape of the bundled, rubber ive. FBI agents ended their search of have been caused by a rolling andy Tena Bar on the Columbia motion, Palmer said, like the move-

Most of the three bundles of cash were shipped to an FBI laboratory Aside from the fragmented \$20 in Washington, D.C., for analysis—bills found Sunday by, a piculcking including lingerprint tests that Vancouver family and some addicould lead to Cooper's identity, tional fragments of bills uncarthed Preliminary results are expected

The FBI will eventually give the skyjacker.

It Cooper bailed out of the hijacked whether the proper owner is Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 jet Northwest Airlines or the Royal liner over southwest Washington Globe Insurance Company of New On Nov 24, 1971, with \$200,000 in on Nov 24, 1971, with \$200,000 in Vork, which covered the loss. Only cash extorted from the airline He about \$3,000 of the \$200,000 to "There was nothing more to syear-old Brian ingram.

Despite Palmer's theory, FBI special agent in charge of the Despite Palmer's theory, FBI Seattle FBI office. "We'll wait until agents on the scene leaned more to all the people (agents) get back the idea that the money had been early next week and see what we frozen — mostly because rubber have." bands are not likely to withstand Further breaks in the 81/2 year the punishment of a rushing rive

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PORTLAND, Ore Ralph Himmelsbach probably nows D.B. Cooper befter than anyone but that says very little.

We still don't know who Cooper was or is or where he came from or where he went," he said briskly.

And that's how the case will likely stand when Himmelsbach — the principal FBI agent on the Cooper case — retires Feb. 29 after 28 years with the bureau.

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Despite the chance discovery of ragged bundles of the skyjacker's loot by a picknicking Vancouver, Wash., family last week on the banks of the Columbia River, Cooper remains as much a mystery in the Pacific Northwest as Bigfoot.

"It's perplexing," Himmelsbach said, famming an index finger into a leather couch at the Portland FBI headquarters. "It's really a perplexing question." Yet the tightly built, 54-year-old special agent boasts an analytical detachment from the vexing Cooper case. He seems more bothered by his pending retirement.

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Twe never got so personally involved as to get either very elated or just crash — you don't survive in . In a tree this business that way. ... People who have that idea parachute. either don't know enough about law enforcement or have seen too much TV."

These are the words of the man who, minutes earlier, had condemned the people of Ariel, Wash, for holding annual "D.B. Cooper Days," which feature Cooper look alikes bailing out of airplanes with attache . 1 47.

"They're making fun out of a humoriess situation," Himmelsbach said flatly. "I regret seeing a man I consider to be a common criminal, who terrorized and threatened the lives of others, celebrated in this manner.

."And some people probably stand to profit from the attraction."

D.B. Cooper has haunted Himmelsback for nine years -- ever since the night of Nov 24, 1971, when the agent listened to the skyjacking unfold via the traffic control tower at Portland International Airport .

Like it or not it has been his biggest case. "I think that most likely the greater probability is that he is dead. I have a lot of reasons for that being the greatest likelihood. Would you like to hear them?

If Cooper wanted to survive, be should have had fot of equipment needed to make the jump. Himmelsbach said. "He should have had a hard hat. He should have had goggles, a leather flight jacket, a Flight suit, small hand tools or side cutters so as to extricate himself from whatever he might have gotten hung up in.

"He could have had no idea where he was He couldn't possibly have estimated where he would have danded. Either he didn't know or he didn't care.

"He was going for broke. It was an enormous

gamble. He was wearing a business suit, a stickpin, alligator shoes, a narrow black tie, a black raincoal, dark glasses and was carrying a black attache case. It was, 'if I make it, OK, if I don't, so what."

Then came a flood of long-memorized particulars: Then came a ricog or rought at 170 knots, or The aircraft was flying 10,000 feet at 170 knots, or 196 miles per hour. Outside, the air temperature was minus 7 degrees. When he jumped out, the airplane was on instrumental and was flying through clouds. "Winds in Portland were gusting at ground level it 25 to 45 knots — 30 to 50 miles per hour. His vertical descent was estimated at 26 miles per hour So he's fescending straight down at 28 miles per hour. Add to struck the ground at least 56 miles per hour and

possibly as high as 70 miles per hour. "It is difficult to conceive of how he could have "spided uninjured".

Cooper had requested four parachutes and got his wish. He left two on the plane. The one chute he strapped on was a non-functioning trainer sent by mistake, Himmelsbach said, and the other was a skydiver's acrobatic parachute - which contained only a small drag canopy used in stunt work

The day after Cooper jumped, Himmelabach and his friend, Art Enderlin, Portland's chief of police, flew over the area in the agent's sirplane. A week later, Himmelsbach, retraced the entire route of the

Six years passed before the first substantial clue because I'm very fif. I'm too young to retire in my Six years passed before the first substantial clue estimation, but it's mandatory in the FBI withn you appeared in the case. A skull was found in an aret in reach 55," he said, smoothing the lapel on his gray, the mountains of La Center, the Washington town reach but had a smoothing the lapel on his gray. Cooper said his prayers over and jumped into the Cooper said his prayers over and jumped into the 17.19.20 M. 12.10.1 swirling night.

In a tree over the skull were the remnants of a 1. 3. 4. 1

ichute. "It turned out to be a chute meteorological balloon," Himmelsbach said plainly. "And the skull turned out to be a lost hunter who was 29 Instead of the 48 that Cooper was estimated to be,

The next clue came last Sunday when 8-year-old Brian Ingram yelled to his father about finding some money on the shore of the Columbia River at Tena Bar. Harold Ingram, of Vancouver, Wash., had his family plenic turned into a national event by three decaying bundles of money — and he called the FBL.

"Marge Gillam, who works in the office, took the call and found that the serial numbers matched the Cooper bills," Himmelsbach recalled.

· With quick, quiet hands, the agent reached inside his coal and produced a small white envelope. In it was the only real clue in the mystery of D.B. Cooper - four of the recovered bills. He fingered them gently.

"You see how they appear to have been rolled by a river, like they were moved underwater a long way," he explained.

He had a theory about the money.

W. "Well, I've been doing non-stop interviews the past few days, so I haven't done much research, and I frankly don't know how the money got there.

"My feeling is that it was probably lying there for quite some time, because the people said when they picked up the bundles, the rubber bands just crumbled

So how did the money travel 15 miles from the

supposed jumpaite?

"That's a puzzling question. I would really be interested in explaining how this money found its way upstream on the Columbia — that's assuming it made its way down from the jump area by the Lewis River. Was it floating at the time, and did the wind blow it? Did the tide carry it? Was it just a freak eddy?"

Himmelsbach again looked out the window at the Willamett as bound-for-work Friday morning autos skidded across bridges left icy from a night of snow.

"I just don't know," he said. "I just don't know."

filis sandy hair, mustache 'ahd sideburns' now streaked with silver, Himmelsbach put a hand to the side of his angular face. It looked like the most infamous air piracy case in history was closed.

- Surely, it was suggested, after 814 years of that the 30 to 50 miles per hour, and you figure be investigation, the "D.B." in D.B. Cooper must stand for "dend and buried."

> "Oh no," said Himmelsbach. "I have not reached that conclusion. I do not state or claim that he didn't attribe to some the way & identify the



Ralph Himmelsbach

Waiting for Chapter Two

Milat would otherwise have been just a routine book-signing party proved something more Friday night when Casablanca Record and FilmWorks and Delacorte Press held a reception at Brentano's in Severly Hills honoring novelist J. D. Reed for the publication of his new book, "Free Fail." A fictionalization of the nine-year-old D. B. Cooper skylacking, "Free Fail" was guaranteed a place on the best seller lists tast week when a portion of the \$200,000 in ransom money missing along with Cooper was discovered near the Columbia River in Washington, reviving public interest in the case. Of just as much interest to tinsel-town sleuths was Tuesday's announcement by Neil Bogart, president of Casablanca, that he is selling his interest in the company to its parent corporation, Polygram, for considerably more than \$200,000. A further announcement detailing the future of Casablanca's film operations is also expected - but as of Friday, Peter Guber, Casablanca's chairman, was keeping mum.

- So with two mysteries in the air, the reception's success was guaranteed - even though no answers proved forthcoming. Guber did make a quick appearance, but left before many of the guests had arrived. John Frankenheimer, who will direct the movie version of Reed's book, was stranded in Malibu and could not attend. Reed signed the necessary books and answered the inevitable questions, all the while maintaining that Cooper still lives. Everybody also did what people normally do at such affairs: For example, Herald Examiner astrologer Joyce Jillson told how the FBI told her she was too big a security risk to attend the Lake Placid Olympics, while publicist Carol Green introduced Craig Wasson, who stars in the new Paramount release "The Outsider," the story of an American who goes to Ireland to fight for the IRA.

Meanwhile, Casablanca executive Chuck Ashman kept telling one and all that a really big announcement concerning Casablanca's future could be expected Wednesday. Pressed to tell more, Ashman responded, "Netl Bogart is the real

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he year was 1971. It was a But that may not be what hap-dark, stormy Thanksgiving pened. There is at least some Eve in Portland, Ore, and evidence that D.B. Cooper was an at the busy Portland Inter ex-con named Byron "Jack" Coffelt national Airport, everyone seemed who survived the jump and esto want to be somewhere else this caped. The FBI and various media night, preferably with family and outlets have spent considerable loved ones preparing for the next time investigating the Coffelt-day's feast

day's feast.

A middle age man, dressed in a many description before been published black suit, white shirt and thin black tie and wearing a hat, walked up to the Northwest Airlines counter. The man, who was about 6 feet tall and of medium build and carried a briefcase, gave his name as Dan Cooper and paid cash for a lone way ticket on Flight 305 to Seattle. The ticket agent punched the wrong key and the name came

A few minutes after takeof, the misnamed passenger handed a stewardess a note threatening to blow up the plane with a hidden from hidden from the didn't receive \$200,000 cash and four parachutes. The plane went to Seattle, where an FBI agent brought the ransom to the cabin door and handed it to a stewardess. Then, as the plane continued on toward Reno, Nev., with its rear door open, as the hijacker had instructed, D.B. Cooper jumped into the night—and became a legend in American

The massive manhunt that began the next day in the mountainous terrain that Cooper jumped into was only the beginning. In the eight years since the famous incident, the Federal Bureau of investigation has expended thousands of man hours tracking down leads on joine 900 suspects. Yet, the official line is still that an unknown man hijacked Flight 305 that night and probably died in the parachute jump—though his body, the chutes and the money were never lound in the wild, uninhabited Cascade Liountains.

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nelt is a mystery story — though an investigation has tushed up-some evidence suggesting that Corfet was airplane who saw photos of Coffelt and identified himas the hijacker.

The story also has intriguing characters including alleged bungling, FBI agents, a rich rightwing recluse who is the last living relative of Abraham Lincoln and the convicted assassin of Martin Luther

King Jr., James Earl Ray.

Much of Jack Coffeit's life is shrouded in mystery. and that's undoubtedly the way he wanted it. This picture of his life was pieced together from interviews with various knowledgeable sources, including jour-

nalists and lawmen.

Coffelt, who was born in 1916, spent the first 30 years of his life in and out of jails throughout the Midwest for a variety of minor crimes. In 1949, he hit the big time: He received a 10-year sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen automobile, and served time in Atlanta and Leavenworth federal pasons. Over the years, his cell mates reportedly included Col. Jack Durant, who was convicted of straling the Hesse crown jewels during World War II; James Earl Ray, who is presently serving a life sentence for killing Martin Luther King Jr.; and James Brown, an Army officer convicted of serving time on an assault charge.

Sometime during those prison years, Coffelt and the FBI apparently made contact. A source, who requested anonymity, says there is a letter signed by J. Eggar Hoover asking the prison warden for informa-tion about Coffelt, as well as evidence that the agent in charge of the local FBI office in Atlanta was Coffelt's

sole visitor for five years.

Some persons who have studied Coffelt's past suspect that he became an FBI informant in prison, perhaps secretly turning over information damaging to his cell mates. Certain sources add that Coffelt himself described his days in the pen as a "revolving door," claiming that he would be let out for a few days of weeks at a time to carry out "a job" for the

The FBI refused to comment on any of this or on say other aspect of Coffeit's life.

In 1965, after serving only six years of his 10-year sentence, Coffelt was paroled from Leavenworth.

In the mid-60s, he began a mysterious association with Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, the last living hijacking of Flight 305.

relative of Abraham Lincoln.

t Beckwith — Lincoln's great-grandson — is the scion of rich industrialist Warren Beckwith, and he Hics on a sprawling 300-acre estate in Virginia. The Sond came from the Lincoln side of the family: Beckwith inherited it from his mother, who acquired the estate from her father, Lincoln's son

-Beckwith had not been idle with his wealth, a sixfigure annual income from a lifetime trust left by his Cooper, including two passengers on the hijacked father. He has reportedly financed several right-wing

> . Coffelt became Beckwith's aide-de-camp and got control of more than one Beckwith-financed bank account. But little else is known about this mysterious relationship, which Beckwith himself declines to clarify.

Other bits and pieces have emerged about this

period of Coffelt's life:

In 1974, Coffeit boasted to an old friend, former Atlanta cell mate James Brown, that he had "helped kill a nigger" in Memphis, Tenn. Then, elaborating slightly, he said that he had been in "one of the white cars" that caused confusion around Memphis immediately after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in

In 1978, James Earl Ray was shown a picture of Coffelt by someone investigating the Coffelt-Cooper connection, and reportedly identified his old prison mate - but only after being shown Coffelt's death certificate. Ray gave no further information, accord-

ing to a source close to the investigation.

Coffeit allegedly carried a number of official redentials: FBI, Department of Agriculture, passes for he White House and Pentagon. A college professor eported that he was riding in an automobile with offelt in Washington, D.C., when Coffelt picked up ien. Creighton Abrams, U.S. Army chief of staff (now leceased) and took him to the Pentagon. This professor has claimed that he saw Coffelt flash FBI credentials.

Sometime around 1970, Beckwith fired Coffeit. It was a bitter parting. In 1973, Beckwith settled a suit filed by Coffelt reportedly by giving his former aide a sum equal to \$750 per month, retroactive to 1963. (The settlement papers are sealed by court order.)

Beckwith is still alive at about 80 years of age. But he lives in seclusion, and has declined repeatedly to be

interviewed on his relationship with Coffelt. After the break with Beckwith, Coffelt spent the next couple of years in Washington, D.C., and, for brief periods of time, in Lawrence, Kan. He held a string of odd jobs during this time and was described as being ill and drinking heavily during 1971.

Some who have investigated Coffelt theorize that his deteriorated financial situation after his break with Beckwith may have driven him to try the desperate

most of 1972, then in June of 1973 he contacted his old would know something hadn't just been buried there." cell mate, James Brown, for the first time in years.

ing to Brown, Coffelt described changing into boots rock with markings on it. "Xs" and "Os" that Coffelt before jumping and boasted of flirting with one of the said he had scratched into the rock the night he landed stewardesses. Coffelt also said that he dropped the there. That was where we dug. You could even see the \$200,000 ransom during the parachute jump and had narrow trenches, where his feet had hit the ground." never recovered it.

the Cascades and look for the small fortune, but he Cooper. needed help. Brown agreed to accompany him, and in July of that year, the two men and Brown's muscular, gone to great lengths to cover up and otherwise derail 6-foot-plus, 17-year-old son, Byron, made a weeklong the case. trek into the mountains.

' / According to Brown, Coffelt was then so ill that at one point he nearly collapsed on a steep grade known all along that Coffelt was the hijacker, but However, after a week in which they made themselves didn't-go after him because they knew he had stories as inconspicuous as possible, they found no money and to tell about his earlier cooperation with the agency.

 Still, to this day, James Brown remains unshaken in his conviction that his old cell mate was D.B. Cooper.

After the Cascades trip, Coffelt moved to Hawaii and died there in June 1975. Brown, who did not learn about Coffelt's death for more than a year, had written down everything Coffelt told him, and began writing a book manuscript. But he knew he needed help, preferably from a promoter familiar with Hollywood wheeling and dealing.

45 Brown found free-lance producer Dirk Summers, who was in Las Vegas while producing a Ken Norton neavyweight title fight for CBS Sports.

Summers said in an interview that he subsequently had Brown and his son take lie-detector tests concerning the five weeks they spent with Coffelt. They passed with flying colors," Summers said. "But all that meant was that Brown believed Coffelt's story. I kept thinking, if this story is true, it's the story of the century." -

Summers began his own investigation, and he and Brown organized an expedition into the Cascades in 1977, back to where Coffelt had taken Brown three years earlier. This time, thanks to a metal detector and energetic digging, the search party unearthed a solid piece of physical evidence: a 1 % inch piece of cording hat proved to be synthetic nylon of the type used in parachute shrouding - and it was 5 to 7 years old.

t. Eleven days after the Cooper hijacking, Coffelt began a job as a surgical technician at a northern said Summers. "We had a lab report confirming that Virginia hospital. His superior there, a woman, told (the) cording ... was from a parachute and several years sources that Coffelt had difficulty walking and at one old. No one has ever asked me, but I'll be happy to take point showed her his "badly discolored legs"—a lie-detector test about where we found it, and how injuries which some believe he sustained in the we dug it up. We were very careful uncovering it. I parachute jump. He worked at the hospital through took soil samples which I turned over to the lab so I

"The area where we found this was very primitive, A year later, in May 1974, Coffelt told Brown for remote wilderness," Summers explained. "This was Big the first time that he was D.B. Cooper and disclosed Foot country. We had to lower ourselves down a cliff some details of the crime that, if true, presumably only to get to the site. There was a dead tree that Jack (told the hijacker could have known. For example, accord Brown) said he hit. And this enormous, two story high

 Summers became a believer in the story, and he, Coffelt told Brown that he wanted to go back into too, is still convinced that Jack Coffelt was D.B.

In addition, Summers believes that the FBI has

Summers added he suspects that the FBI may have

Hijacker 'Cooper's' \$200,00 is it still near Mount Hood

jacker D.B. Cooper? far from proven, there are two Summers said in an interview that areas of evidence that suggest that she positively identified Coffelt as Coffelt, an ex-convict with alleged the man who hijacked the plane ties to the Federal Bureau of and signed a statement attesting to Investigation, was indeed the man the fact. She has since repeated her who parachuted from Northwest positive indentification of Coffelt

First, aboard Flight 305 were shown a program. photograph of Coffelt and identified him as the hijacker.

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Second, Coffelt apparently told a former cell mate, Jim Brown, im-lege football coach, represents her portant details of the erime that in all negotiations, and she will have never been released by law-reportedly share in any book or men or published by newsmen.

stewardess aboard Northwest repeated requests, she refused to Flight 305, told investigators that be interviewed for this story.

She saw the man who boarded as D George LaBissoniere, a govern-D.B. Cooper without his hat and ment maritime attorney who lives dark glasses. Before the plane took in Seattle, was a passenger on off at Portland International Airport, she said she had to go down the ramp to get Cooper, who was standing with a drink in his hand watching the plane being loaded with provisions. He boarded the plane only after the storage doors were closed.

Shortly after takeoff, she saw him writing a note, which he soon passed, to her. The note claimed that he had a bomb in his briefcase and that she should sit next to him. Then he opened his briefcase and showed her what looked like sticks of dynamite and a battery.

Cooper told her he wanted \$200,-000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes when the plane landed in Seattle, its scheduled destination. She wrote down his demands and relayed them to the pilot, Captain William Scott, and co-pilot, William Rataczak. (Scott is still with Northwest Airlines and commands 747 jumbo jets. Rataczak is a captain, top, for another arrline.

as Byron "Jack" Cof to hely 1977, Wheeler was shown felt the mysterious hi photographs of Coffelt by Hollywood producer Dirk Summers, Although the case is who was investigating the case. Flight 305 in 1971 with \$200,000 on a number of occasions to ransom. two people who were ducer for CBS-TV's "60 Minutes"

Wheeler now lives in Columbia, Mo., and is a stewardess for Frontier Airlines. Her husband, a colmovie profits Summers makes on Florence Schaffner Wheeler, a the Coffelt-Cooper story. Despite

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returned his calls.

The hijacking points

Coffelt told him that, during the hijacking, when the he jumped in an area northeast of the mountain. \$200,000 was delivered and the plane was still on the ground in Seattle, he ordered the pilots over the cabin route released by the FBI, Jack Coffeit was not D.B. intercom to "get this bleeping show on the road." The Cooper. But, on the other hand, if it can be shown that quotes used in news reports were "Let's get this show the airliner flew east of Mount Hood — in direct on the road." and "Let's get this damn show on the contradiction to all published accounts — then one

Summers claims that co-pilot Ratacrak confirmed to him that Cooper used such language.

Seattle, he was alone for a time with stewardess Tine

Macklow Larsen, and he flirted with her.

press. However, in an interview with Summers at the said in an interview. "Air traffic control tracked the home of her brother-in-law (who is an FBI agent), iroute of the plane." But those radar records are not the same story about flirting shortly after the said. hijacking.

was obviously an amateur and noted as proof that he of casterly of Mount Hood. (This could not be had parachuted from the plane wearing street shoes confirmed, the entire cockpit crew refused to grant apparently unaware that the slipstream would pull interviews.) Summers speculated that the FBI might them off But Brown said Coffee told have given a misleague of the plane was a proper to the plane wearing street shoes confirmed. them off. But Brown said Coffelt told him that he have given a misleading route so that the landing area

sources that she saw D.B. Cooper change into boots

before jumping.

☐ The FBI's official version is that Cooper told the pilot he wanted to go to Mexico and that the crew not Cooper — selected Reno as a refueling stop. This version suggests the hijacker did not plan to jump over pretty dark and thick and I didn't see him jump. I a specific area.

ordered the pilot to fly directly to Reno, at an altitude question of whether or not they flew to the west or of 10,000 feet and at a speed of no more than 200 miles east of Mt. Hoot. Wallace says, "I really don't know. I per hour, with the plane's flaps at 15 degrees. Coffelt was radar-controlled the whole way. I know I broke off said he knew when to jump because the spot had been somewhere south of Medford, probably into California, staked out with beacons. He added that he had a Jeep when my ruel got low after following him the piane) said he knew when to jump bounded that he had a Jeep when my rues got low arts. staked out with beacons. He added that he had a Jeep when my rues got low arts.

Summers said co-pilot Rataczak confirmed that Cooper Selected Reno as a refueling stop and directed him to fly at 10,000 feet at 200 mph and with 15-degree

Flight 305. LaBissoniere, who also saw the hijacker — D.The hijacked airliner's route is the key to Jack without has hat, said in an interview that he identified Coffelt's story. The account released by the FBI has the an FBI photo of Coffelt a month after the hijacking plane taking off from Seattle' and heading directly But he said nothing more ever happened as a result of over Portland. Then the plane continued south to the identification, as far as he knows. He added that he Medford, Ore., staying on the west side of Mount Hood tried calling the FBI several times, but no one ever and the Cascades range. Somewhere in northern California, the FBI says, the plane turned east toward Reno.

Coffelt's story is at odds with this. He told Brown □ According to Jim Brown, a former cell mate, that the plane fiew to the east of Mount Hood and that

So, if it could be proved that the plane took the might have to believe that Coffelt hijacked Flight 305.

FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, the agent in nim that Cooper used such language.

Coffelt told Brown that when the plane left beginning, stands firm on the published route.

"It's not possible that the hijacker jumped out Nothing like this has ever been reported in the anywhere near Mount Hood or the east side of h." he Larsen admitted that D.B. Cooper had "made a pass" at available to the public, nor is the black-box informa-her. Also, in an interview conducted by another tion from the plane's cockpit. "We're not going to source, stewardess Wheeler said that Larsen told her release a detailed map of the thing," Himmelsbach

Cirk Summers said that, in an interview with □ In published accounts, the FBI said the hijacker Rataczak, the co-pilot referred to flying "to the left changed from street shoes into boots before the jump, wouldn't be swamped with treasure hunters while

Wheeler, the stewardess, has reported to several agents combed it.

Two F-166 jets from McCord Air Force Base followed Flight 305 after it took off from Seattle. Lt. Col. Harvey L. Wallace, now retired, piloted one of the jets and remembers that night. "We were in heavy weather. There were a few breaks in it but it was stayed above the plane because I know what these But Brown said Coffelt told another story: That he mountains around there are like," To the crucial

<u>As recounted by Brown, Jack Coffelt's account</u> Despite pain from injuries to his rib cage, genitals, of the hijacking is detailed and plausible: feet and legs, he managed to get the chutes off. Then Coffelt said he had planned to steal a few million he sprayed them with an aerosol can of solvent until dollars, which he thought would be aboard the flight they melted. He buried what was left of the chutes headed for the Federal Reserve Bank in Seattle. mostly metal snaps and buckles — next to a large rock.

. But after watching the loading of the plane and on which he scratched large Xs and Os.

seeing that the bank money was not there, he carried He now considered his dilemma. He could hear but his alternate plan to demand the \$200,000 ransom signals from the beepers in both the Jeep and the Coffelt said his bail-out point was not around Lakernoneybag, but the latter was weak and beginning to Merwin in Washington, as stated by the FBI, but ratherfade. He thought about going after the money, but 170 miles farther southeast in the Cascades range inquickly dismissed the plan when he realized he would have a difficult enough time reaching the Jeep from Oregon, on the east side of Mount Hood. Coffelt said he had an accomplice with a Jeep this steep, inaccessible area. So he mustered his waiting in the brush. He added that the tour-wheel remaining strength and began his trek though the

drive vehicle was equipped with an electronic Ditch-dark forest, homing in on the Jeep beeper. "beeper."

white Cadillac, close to a paved road.

knew the plane was just east of Portland.

briefcase overboard, he tied a line around the Kansas City, where he got medical attention. moneybag and made a loop for his arm.

see a triangle of three small runway lights located east area, but when the pilot became suspicious he gave up of Mount Hood, apparently set in place by his on his efforts to spot the moneybag. accomplice. He put his arm through the moneybag loop and waited. Soon he received a signal from the and Brown's son a few years later, but that trip was a Jeep beeper below. But as he waited to jump directly failure, too. over the beacon lights, he was suddenly swept off balance by the swirling wind and sucked down into the So. if believe Jack Coffelt was D.B. Cooper, you must

At that altitude, he said, he figured a count of 50 waiting to be found by a lucky treasure-hunter. would be about right before opening the chute. But as he fell farther into the black hole, he made it only to Cooper. about 30 before pulling on the chest-pack rip cord. Nothing happened.

He desperately pulled at the D-ring on the seat-pack chute — and it opened with a jolt. At that moment, relieved that he wouldn't die by hitting the earth at nearly 200 miles per hour, he relaxed his grip on the moneybag, and it slipped off his arm and into the night.

He would never see the moneybag again. The combination of a strong wind and the early chute opening caused him to drift far from the meadow he had selected, he said He hit the ground hard at more than 30 mph, was dragged along and smacked into a dead tree.

· When the sun came up, he was still miles away He also said he had stashed another vehicle, a from the Jeep At one point, he crossed a road and was stunned to see a bulldozer at work nearby. He turned Standing at the open door, Coffeit said he soon his face so the driver couldn't identify him later. saw the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River and Around noontime, some 15 hours after his landing, he reached the Jeep.

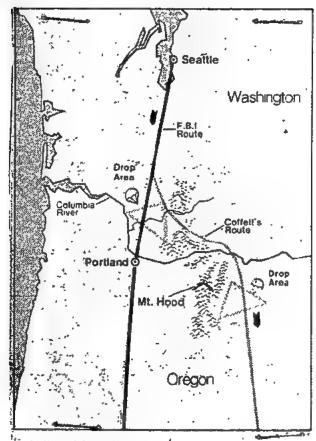
He said he put the bag containing the \$200,000 and He loaded it with an explosive charge, rolled it an electronic receiver he was carrying inside a green into a take and blew it up. He then got into the back plastic bag he had in his briefcase. After throwing the seat of the Cadillac and his accomplice drove him to He loaded it with an explosive charge, rolled it

The following spring, after the snow melted, he Spotting a beacon on Mount Hood, he was able to chartered a helicopter and pilot and returned to the

He tried again on foot with his cellmate Brown

Coffelt died a year later, before he could try again. also believe a bag of money is still in the Cascades, just

That's part of the magic of the mysterious D.B.



Coffelt and FBI disagreed on hijacked plane's route.

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June 18, 1930

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAG, HINTEAPOLIS (164-73)(P)

SUBJECT: RORJAK

CO: SEATTLE

Re Los Angeles teletype dated 6/13/60.

For information, on 6/17/20, Calala Sioux Tribal (OST) Police Department. Pine Ridge, South Pakota, was contacted regarding (described in referenced teletype), and furnished the following information:	b6 Ъ7С
Stated that currently he believes to be employed by the Collala Sioux Community College at Hyle. South Dakota. stated is currently which are located in the Yellow Dear Comp area of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. pointed out that these are not in any way associated with the American Indian l'ovement (Alii) located on the Pine Ridge Reservation.	ь6 ь7С
indicated he has known for approximately five to six years, although he does not know him real well. stated that he believes to be married to a who resides semadhere in the Rapid City, South Dakota, area. He stated he is aware of the fact that was formerly in the Marine Corps and indicated that he had received numerous decorations during his service in the Marine Corps, including the receipt of	b6 b7С
l'a stated has proviously associated with the Alli but was unable to furnish any details regarding current feelings toward this organization.	b6 b7C
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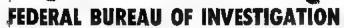
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Receiving offices should note that to conduct discreet investigation in the Kyle and Yellow Bear Comp areas regarding activities and whereabouts is extremely difficult due to the small size of the community and the remote location of at this time.

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Minneapolis Division is holding further investigation in this matter in abeyance pending receipt of further information from Scattle or Los Angeles regarding the fingerprint comparison requested in referenced teletype and further contact with Los Angeles source.





Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-497 (7) (P) FBI FILE NO. 164-2111 LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

July 3, 1980

TO:SAC, Los Angeles

RE: NORJAK;

REFERENCE: Telètype 6/12/80 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles SPECIMENS:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Billings, Montana, furnished the following information during a telephone call from Billings to Los Angeles, California:	b6 b70 b70
advised that approximately one year agc (1979), also known as an American Indian now residing in Kyle, South Dakota, confided he was planning to eventually publish a book regarding his past activities and adventures and an excerpt from what was purported to be a of his forthcoming book. The excerpt was an account of	
hijacking of a commercial airliner in the early 1970's using the name "Cooper." According to this document contained many details of the crime and were represented by to be in account of his own accomplishment of the hijacking stated is a heavy drinker and	ь6 ь70 ь70
shortly thereafter, made additional references to the hijacking and cautioned that no one else was aware of his proposed book and his accomplishment of this crime. was unable to recall all of the details of the of the hijacking, but remembered there was an explanation of the planning of the crime, including use of the name "Cooper" and a reference to the perpetrator parachuting from the aircraft.	
explained she did not question in any detail concerning this matter in 1979 as she was unaware at that time of a hijacking of a commercial airliner in Seattle involving a suspect using the name "Cooper" who parachuted from the plane while in flight.	b6 b7 0 b7 0
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nvestigation on 6/9/80 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164	-
by SA BAR Date dictated 6/11/80	. b6 b7c

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (X) (RUC)	
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)	
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Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, 6/11/8	0.
Enclosed for Seattle are agent interview note and the original FD-302 setting forth information report to Los Angeles by on 6/9/80. Enclosed for Minneapolis is one copy of this FD-302 for assistance is conducting additional leads that might be requested by office of origin.	ted b6 n b7c
As set forth in referenced Los Angeles telety is concerned that any interview of aka, confronting with allegations reported by will immediately identify the source of this information accordingly, has requested her identity be proposed to the source of t	ь6 ь7с ь7р
Los Angeles again suggests that any follow-up interview of be coordinated through the Los A case agent in this matter who will be able to arrange the finterview in Montana via telephone from Los Angeles	ingeles 56 57C
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captioned incident. stated that, to his knowledge, has not been observed since approximately 1969, and he feels reasonably certain that is responsible for the hijacking based upon the newspaper article. Although he does not know whereabouts, he noted that was formerly employed by Ford Motor Corporation Rialto-San Bernardino, California area. He also advised that has been in the Inyo County Jail, Independence, California and the Veterans Administration Office, Indepdence, has a reference to him. requested not be contacted regarding this time. On 8/27/81, records at the Bishop, California Police Department and Inyo County Sheriff's Office, Independence, failed to disclose any information identifiable with SEARCHED INDEXED. AUG 9 109 · Los Angeles 2 - Seattle (164-81) 1 - Sacramento JCW/kml (5)

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On 8/27/81, it was determined that
is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and is assigned Veterans Administration (VA) number He is receiving dis- ability payments through the VA, apparently on a regular basis although his current whereabouts were not available.
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LOS ANGELES,
AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will attempt to determine current information regarding through the Veterans Administration Office, UAC by Seattle.
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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Based upon the status of current investigation, will consider feasibility of further investigation to develop as suspect in captioned matter, including arrest checks in San Bernardino, California and the FBI Identification Division.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation 11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90028

In Reply, Please Rafer to File No.

September 16, 1981

Privacy Act Desk Veterans Administration Regional Office 11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angèles, California 90024 RE:

Dear Sir:

You are hereby requested to allow Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation, to review
any files regarding
This review is
desired as efforts are being exerted to locate
interview in a pending hijacking investigation.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR N. BEST . Special Agent in Charge

By:
Supervisory Special Agent

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TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES IMMEDIATE

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NORJACK; CAA-HIJACKING; OO: SEATTLE (164-81)

ON NOVEMBER 13, 1981, UNIVERSAL PICTURES, 100 UNIVERSAL CITY PLAZA, UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, WILL RELEASE TO THEATERS NATIONWIDE A MOTION PICTURE TITLED "THE PURSUIT OF D. B. COOPER." THE MOTION PICTURE IS BASED ON THE CAPTIONED CASE.

IN ITS ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS, UNIVERSAL PICTURES IS OFFERING A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION RESULTING IN THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF "D. B. COOPER" FOR AIRCRAFT PIRACY. THE ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS STATE IN PART "IF YOU HAVE SUCH INFORMATION AS TO THE REAL D. B. COOPER, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THIS OFFER EXPIRES MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 1, 1981."

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UNIVERSAL PICTURES INITIATED THE REWARD OFFER ON ITS
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FOR PAYMENT SHOULD "D. B. COOPER" BE IDENTIFIED.

EACH OFFICE IS INSTRUCTED TO FURNISH SEATTLE, THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR CITIZENS. NO INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED. SEATTLE WILL DETERMINE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION AND ADVISE OFFICES OF NECESSARY INVESTIGATION.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO BEAR IN MIND WHEN CAPTIONED CRIME WAS COMMITTED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1971, UNSUB AKA D. B. COOPER WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING A WHITE MALE, MID-FORTIES, 5' 10" TO 6' 0", 17" POUNDS; OLIVE COMPLEXION, AND LATIN APPEARANCE.

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Memorandum





SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) 12/14/81 SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-1) (2) Subject: NORJACK: CAA _ HÍJACKING 00. Seattle Re Bureau teletype to all field offices dated 11/10/81. **b**6 On 11/17/81, b7C Covina, California, telephone telephonically inquired regarding the possibility of a reward regarding the identity of D.B. COOPER. then provided the following information. **b**6 advised that she has observed an artist b7C drawing published in the local newspaper of D.B. COOPER. She advised that the drawing strongly resembles an individual she knows as **b**6 advised is an having ъ7С previously worked for Aerojet in Azusa, California. sold his former residence in Covina Cálifornia, at approximately one year ago, and moved with his wife. to Portland, Oregon. advised told her before he moved that he had been involved in an accident several years ago receiving injuries to his legs, and teeth; however, he is able to walk without a noticeable limp. She thought possibly the injuries could have been received by parachuting. **b6** She also stated that in conversation with b7C he has commented that he knows the area around the Columbia River like the back of his hand. She advised she got the impression that was raised in the area: He also told her that after he had his accident, type of accident not mentioned, that he went to Vancouver, Canada, during period of recouperation. 164-497-1000

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thought to live beyond his means while living in the Covina, California, area, and mentioned that in addition to his house in Covina he also in the area. He also bought a new just before he and his wife moved away. His house in Covina sold for approximately The handling the sale of the residence was a Coldwell Banker Realtor, business telephone and residence telephone
meticulous individual and she described how he loaded empty boxes in his station wagon to see how they would stack and how much he could haul before he filled the boxes and moved to the Portland area. She described as follows:
Sex Male Race White Height 5'8" 5'9" Hair Brown, straight, short Facial hair None Eyes Brown Age
On November 19, 1981, a drivers license check was conducted with the California Department of Motor Vehicles which revealed that white male, date of birth resided at Covina, California, on 6/6/79. He is described as follows:
Sex Male Height 5'8" Weight 160 pounds Hair Brown Eyes Brown California Drivers License Number
California driver's license photograph bear Machel- requested however, due to the apparent difference in beight as reported by and that listed on his California driver's license to further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Division UAC by Seattle. Privers license photograph will be forwarded to Seattle by contarate communication.

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described Melvin Cooper as follows:

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Male White 5'8" to

5'8" to 5'9" Rather stocky Piercing dark

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Facial characteristics

Long slender nose

The above is being furnished for the review of the Seattle office.

Seattle is requested to advise whether or not additional investigation desired.

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Referenced airtel from Seattle requested Sacramento to conduct additional investigation to determine if Melvin Cooper could possibly be identical to captioned subject.

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AT LOS ANGELES AND SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA; Will identify the crash of a helicopter approximately five or six months ago, thereafter determine if Melvin Cooper was employed in the rescue business and was involved in that particular crash. If Melvin Cooper identified conduct logical investigation to determine if he could possibly be involved in captioned matter.

SACRAMENTO

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA; Will contact the U.S. Forest Service, Bakersfield, California in an effort to identify employment record for Melvin Cooper.

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AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA: Will contact personnel at the General Aviation District Office, Van Nuys Airport and conduct appropriate investigation as requested in reference communications.

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FBI 34 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana CA





Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

October 25, 1983

Your file no. FBI FILE NO. LATENT CASE NO.

164-2111 A-45410

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

D. B. COOPER;

REFERENCE: Telephone call 9/23/83 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles SPECIMENS:

This report supplements and confirms Bucal of 9/26/83.

The latent prints previously reported in this case are not fingerprints or palm prints of FBI

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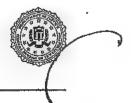
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То ;	SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) Date 1/12/84	
From :	SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-1) (RUC)	
Subject :	NORJAK CAA OO: Seattle Re Enclosed herewith for the Seattle Division is one driver's license photograph of For information of Seattle, on September 28, 1983, an anonymous letter was received at the Santa Ana, California, Resident Agency, Los Angeles Division, wherein the writer stated as follows:	
	"To Whom It May Concern-	
	I wrote about this before but I'll try again. You have pictures of a man who jumped out of an airplane with money and has never been caught. It's Costa Mesa. I'm a neighbor of his-he has the money, he looks like the man and has an airline background. Also he changed his name. I'm not going to write again but you should heed this advice. A neighbor."	
	Investigation reflected the following background information regarding the individual referred to in the above mentioned letter:	
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To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-3) (C) Date 11/19/84	
From : SA	Ь6 b7С
Subject: UNSUB, aka "D. B. COOPER"; CAB-A OO: Portland	
On 11/16/84, Police Department, telephonically advised that he had recently received information from a confidential source pertaining to the possible whereabouts of captioned subject, and based upon the source information, had identified the individual in question as California operators license number requested that a copy of the artist conception of the unknown subject in captioned matter be forwarded to him for comparison to the California driver's	ъ6 ъ7с ъ7р
license which had been requested from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding	
stated he would arrange for his informant to meet with appropriate FBI personnel should an identification of be confirmed as positive with that of the unknown subject in captioned matter.	ъ6 ъ7с ъ7р
The above is for the information of Los Angeles Division. It is noted that a copy of the artist conception as depicted in IA-5 of caption file was obtained and forwarded by mail to the attention of on 11/16/84.	b6 b7C
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In view of the tentative nature of the aforementioned information, it is recommended captioned matter be retained in a closed status until such time as more definitive information is received.

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Date SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) 3/4/87 SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (LBRA/C1) (RUC) Subject : NORJAK 00: Seattle Re telcal Long Beach RA to Seattle, 1/15/87. Enclosed for Seattle are three Driver's License photographs and thumbprint of [and excerpt b6 from "People" magazine regarding D. B. COOPER. ъ7С | (protect per request) advised On 1/15/87, that he had recently seen an article in "People" magazine regarding D. B. COOPER. advised that he had observed an individual **b6** who met the description and closely resembled D. B. COOPER working ь7С at the southwest corner of **b7**D in Long Beach. described this individual as: Sex Male Race White Age Mid-40's 61 Height Weight 180 Hair Dark brown, speckled with gray Eves Hazel He further advised that this individual spoke with an accent and was heard to speak to his wife or girlfriend in ъ6 b7C dialect. He further advised that the individual wore b7D glasses on occasion apparently for doing close work. Investigation disclosed that **b6** ь7С is located at Long Beach, California, telephone Driver & License was located for and Business License reflects that Thas been at that location since January 1984. California Department of Motor Vehicles reflects a license and ID card issued on 3/28/85. The following is a description of SEARCHED INDEXED 2 - Seattle (Enc. 4) FFICF SERIALIZED T,- Los Angeles FILED JMWeaf CRL

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Name
Race
White
Sex
Male
Date of Birth
Height
5'11"
Weight
175
Hair
Black
Eyes
Green

The above is provided for the information of Seattle for whatever action is deemed appropriate. Los Angeles is considering this matter RUC.

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,

NORJAK;) 00: SEATTLE.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, SUSPECT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN CAPTIONED MATTER THROUGH INVESTIGATION AT PORTLAND DIVISION, WHO RESIDED IN PENDLETON, OREGON, IN 1970 THROUGH 1972, LEFT FOR TWO WEEKS DURING TIME OF HIJACKING, NOVEMBER 24, 1971, CAME BACK LIMPING AND INJURED, FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF HIJACKER KNOWN AS "D.B. COOPER," GAVE A PAINTING TO A PENDLETON RESIDENT IN 1972,

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SIGNING SAME "D.B. COOPER," AND DISPLAYED ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CON-MAN, INCLUDING MARRYING A WOMAN OLDER AND OLDER AND OF HER MONEY. AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO KNEW HIM PERSONALLY THROUGH FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS THOUGHT HE WAS D.B. COOPER AT THE TIME THE COMPOSITE SKETCH CAME OUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS IN 1971, BUT WERE RELUCTANT TO CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.

THE SUSPECT RETURNED TO PENDLETON, OREGON, JUST BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN 1971 LIMPING, INJURED, SOMEWHAT DEPRESSED BUT WITHOUT ANY OBVIOUS EXTRA MONEY; HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT THE HIJACKER MAY HAVE LOST THE MONEY UPON EXITING THE BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT IN VIEW OF THE FACT PART OF IT WAS RECOVERED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN THE PORTLAND DIVISION IN THE LATE 1970'S WHEN IT WASHED ASHORE FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER. THE SUSPECT DEVELOPED WAS 37 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THE HIJACKING AND COMMITTED SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF 39, ALLEGEDLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET ATTENTION FROM YOUNG WOMEN IN A DORMITORY NEARBY AND FROM HIS ESTRANGED WIFE. SUSPECT HAD BEEN ASSIGNED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DUTIES IN PAST MILITARY ASSIGNMENT AND HAD SEVERAL PRIOR ARRESTS FOR FRAUD IN OREGON, WISCONSIN AND CALIFORNIA. IN ADDITION, AUTOPSY AT TIME OF DEATH TWO YEARS AFTER HIJACKING SHOWED SUSPECT HAD A CONTUSION BELOW THE KNEE FROM A PRIOR

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED REGARDING SUSPECT: NAME
MERLIN GENE COOPER, AKA JOHN T. TITAN, JOHN COOP TITAN; DOB

JULY 8, 1934 (WITNESSES DESCRIBED HIM AS 40 TO 48); POB WISCONSIN;

FBI NUMBER 115541D; OREGON SID NUMBER 291 33 33; HEIGHT 6'2"; WEIGHT

170 POUNDS; COMPLEXION - PHOTOGRAPHS RECENTLY OBTAINED FROM MUSKEGO,

OKLAHOMA, DEPICTS SUBJECT WITH DARKER COMPLEXION; BROWN HAIR (HAD

DYED HIS HAIR BLACK IN PAST); BLUE EYES; SCARS - RIGHT WRIST, RIGHT

FOREARM, RIGHT LEG; TATTOOS - RIGHT FOREARM; SOC 397-28-6121; OTHER

CHARACTERISTICS - CIGARETTE STAINS ON RIGHT HAND.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION IS TAKEN FROM FILE REGARDING WITNESSES' DESCRIPTIONS OF HIJACKER DAN COOPER: WHITE MALE AMERICAN, MID-FORTIES, 6', 170 TO 175 POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION OR MEDIUM TO SWARTHY COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, AVERAGE TO WELL-BUILT, CIGARETTE STAINS ON RIGHT HAND.

LOS ANGELES AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. WILL FURNISH ARREST REPORT FROM SANTA ANA SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN 1960 FOR "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" CHECK AND A PHOTO IF AVAILABLE.

MILWAUKEE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN. 1. WILL FURNISH ARREST REPORT FROM 1959 ARREST BY MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR "FAMILY PAGE FOUR DE PD 0008 UNCLAS

OFFENSE - NON-SUPPORT". 2. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON MERLIN COOPER'S FAMILY THROUGH INQUIRY WITH HIS BIRTH RECORD AT DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COOPER'S PARENTS AND/OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, NOTING COOPER WAS ALLEGEDLY VERY CLOSE TO MOTHER AND MAY HAVE CONFIDED INFORMATION IN HER RELATIVE TO HIJACKING IF SHE CAN BE LOCATED. 3. CONDUCT ANY OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ANY OF COOPER'S RELATIVES, NOTING HE WAS BORN IN WISCONSIN AND POSSIBLY RAISED THERE.

SEATTLE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. WILL FURNISH PORTLAND

AVAILABLE KNOWN ADDRESSES FOR WITNESSES IN THIS MATTER AS PREVIOUSLY
REQUESTED.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT MERLIN GENE COOPER, DOB JULY 8, 1934, WITH ALL LATENTS TAKEN FROM BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENT TO HIJACKING IN 1971. THE BUREAU IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION FROM MILITARY RECORDS AVAILABLE ON MERLIN COOPER, NOTING M.N. USER UMBRELLA NUMBER IN NCIC PRINT-OUT WAS OA-OSP-32061.

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Weight Date of Birth Place of Birth Hair

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Marital Status Citizenship Employment Occupation Relatives

Orange County Number CII Number FBI Number Tattoos 180 pounds July 8, 1934

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Brown Hazel

1391 Graystone, Norwalk, California

Divorced United States Unemployed Salesman

Mother: ORPHA O. COOPER,

La Crosse, Wisconsin

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Outer right forearm: two hands clasped with crown and initals "MGC"

As no further investigation remains in the los Angeles Division, this matter is being considered RUC.

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5	Re Portland te	letype, 4/26/88	, captioned as abov	e.
6	On 5/2/88,	Mad	ison Police Departm	ent (MPD)
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18	Bureau of Vital Stat COOPER was born 7/8/			
19	COOPER. The COOPERS			
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Wisconsin. MERLIN GENE COOPER was born in the Township of Campbell, located in LaCrosse County, Wisconsin.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

If not already accomplished, conduct investigation to identify relatives or associates of COOPER at Norwalk, California.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT COON VALLEY, WISCONSIN

Will attempt to obtain information on MERLIN COOPER'S family, noting that COOPER was allegedly very close to his mother, and may have confided information in her relative to hijacking if she can be located.

Attempt to identify other relatives or associates of COOPER, inasmuch as he may have been raised in that area.

Will review records at LaCrosse County Register of Deeds Office regarding charges of non-support which were filed against MERLIN GENE COOPER in an attempt to identify ex-spouse or other relatives.

Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-1) (RUC) Date 7/8/88

From : SA

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Subject: NORJACK;

CAA - HIJACKING; OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles airtel to Portland, 5/31/88, and Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 6/9/88.

For information, investigation requested in Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 6/9/88 has been conducted and previously reported in Ios Angeles airtel to Portland, 5/31/88.

No additional investigation had been requested and no pending leads are outstanding at Los Angeles Division. In view of this and the fact that office of origin (Seattle) has already been apprised of the results of that investigation, Los Angeles Division is placing this matter in an RUC'd status by memo.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent at Los Angeles, California:
After several cancellations, appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation accompanied by a women who wanted to remain anonymous. The woman stated that the reason she wanted to remain anonymous was that she was in the She picked the name to be called. It should be noted that was not recognized as
advised that she and her husband have been residing part time in south Kern County in the community. Pine Mountain Club, California. She stated that a resident, has lived in the community for approximately years. He is a very secretive individual, never really discussing his past. He mentioned that he had been in the military and seemed to have knowledge of parachuting, but was unable to say if it was through experience or by some other means.
She recalled that years ago, had approximately in cash, which he deposited in the 1st International Bank, Frazier Park, California. never mentioned where he got the money. She added that he has never worked as far as she knows and could provide no reason for him having that amount of cash.
sated that several months ago the D.B. COOPER incident was aired on Unsolved Mysterious. She stated that after seeing the television program, she feels that resembles an aged D.B. COOPER. At this point, indicated that her involvement in the was in She stated that from her experience and belief, could be an aged D.B.COOPER. She described as a white male, approximately 57 years of age, gray balding hair, 5'11", 235 pounds. When asked specifically about making statements about being D.B. COOPER, hijacking airplanes or extortion, could provide no information which could connect them as being the same person, other then resembling each other.
advised that resides in a house beleived to be on in the City of Pine Mountain Club. She stated the house does not have numbers but is bleived to be owned by who has a Commercial Center, Pine Mountain Club.
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appropriately. She added that Pine Mountain Club is a small community which is patrolled by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Frazier Park Substation. Ъ6 She stated that has recently been driving a ъ7С pickup with California license b7D A check through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) revealed that California was on a vehicle license registered Ъ6 b7C to Frazier Park, California. b6 CLETS further revealed that has California driver's license number b7C described as follows: Sex Male Date of Birth Height 6111 Weight 190 pounds Hair Brown Eyes Brown Address Frazier Park (effective 10/3/91) Frazier Park CLETS revealed numerous California driver's license The check reveal several in the 57-60 under the name b6 ъ7С age group, but none with a Frazier Park or Pine Mountain Club address.

recontacted the FBI office,

had no further information to provide.

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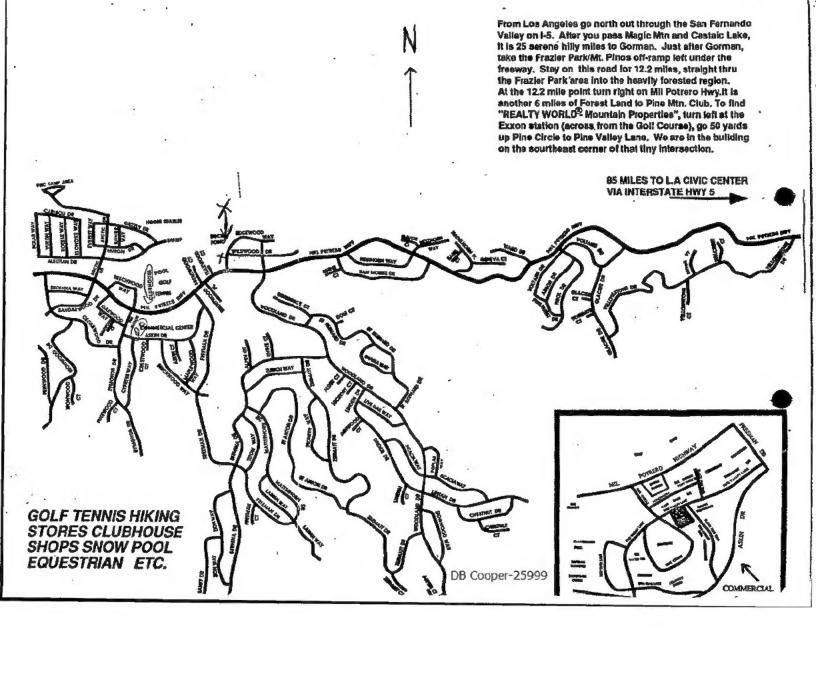
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AT PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB AND FRAZIER PARK, CALIFORNIA:

Conduct appropriate investigation through to identify and determine if identical to D.B. COOPER.

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